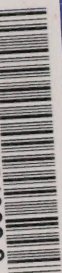



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EPP ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF CHILD CARE INITIATIVES FUND (CCIF)

KITCHENER - Health and Welfare Minister Jake Epp, today announced the launch of the Child Care Initiatives Fund (CCIF).

"The federal government is committed to begin working, with our other partners, to provide quality, accessible and affordable child care for Canadian families" said Mr. Epp speaking to the members of the Confederation Club in Kitchener, Ontario.

The CCIF, which totals \$100 million over the next seven years, is one component of the National Strategy on Child Care announced last December. This money will go to projects which encourage finding innovative solutions to child care issues and problems.

The other two major components of the Strategy are a new cost-sharing arrangement on child care with the provinces and territories, as well as tax measures designed to provide financial assistance to Canadian families.

"We are particularly interested in funding demonstration, development and applied research projects" said Mr. Epp.

This could include projects to address specific needs of Indian and Inuit children and ethnic communities, as well as special needs children who are physically or mentally disabled. The Fund will also target special child care situations such as rural areas, employer-sponsored day care and the needs of families whose parent or parents work part-time or shift work.

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The Child Care Initiatives Fund hopes to provide the means by which interested and involved Canadians - be they parents, voluntary organizations, employers, day care centre workers or researchers - can harness their considerable skills, experience and enthusiasm to find useful and creative solutions to child care issues such as the training needs of day care workers and informal child care workers, day care in the workplace and non-standard child care situations.

"We are very enthusiastic about the Child Care Initiatives Fund" said Mr. Epp. "Although we know that this is only the beginning, we are going to strive to provide excellent care for all our children and the Fund is one element which will help us do this".

More information on the Fund, the criteria for funding and the application process can be obtained from the Child Care Initiatives Fund, 6th Floor, Brooke Claxton Building, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 1B5, Telephone: (613) 954-8255.

Ref.: Joyce Henderson

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**THE CHILD CARE INITIATIVES FUND (CCIF):
THE SIMPLE FACTS**

1. \$100 Million to Improve Child Care in Canada

The CCIF is a \$100 million dollar Fund that will encourage and support innovative education and demonstration projects, training and public awareness programs, and applied research projects. Over a seven-year period, the CCIF will provide an essential vehicle for encouraging the development of approaches and services that improve the quality of child care in Canada.

2. Support for Special Needs

Funding under the CCIF will give priority to:

- addressing child care issues relating to shift work, part-time employment and entry/re-entry into the labour force
- cooperation with Native groups to develop effective services for Native children which respect their culture and priorities
- projects focussing on the development of services and "headstart" programs for children with special needs and disabilities
- encouraging the development of non-profit, community-based child care services, including parent resource centres

3. Part of a Long-Term Solution

The CCIF is one of 3 major components of the federal government's National Strategy on Child Care, a long-term commitment to improved child care for Canadians announced on December 3, 1987. The other two components of the Strategy are: tax assistance to families with young children; and a \$3 billion, 7-year commitment by the federal government to helping the provinces deliver increased and improved child care services, including an additional 200,000 new, quality child care spaces across Canada.

4. Flexible

The CCIF is designed to work in a flexible manner to encourage innovative responses to issues related to child care across Canada.

5. Applications for Funding

The Department of National Health and Welfare is now accepting applications for funding under the CCIF. A Guide for Applicants, application forms and further information is available from the Department in Ottawa. Please contact:

Child Care Initiatives Fund (CCIF)
Health and Welfare Canada
6th Floor, Brooke Claxton Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1B5

Tel: (613) 954-8255
(613) 957-0638

THE CHILD CARE INITIATIVES FUND (CCIF)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

1. Eligible Applicants

Those eligible to apply for funding under the CCIF include:

- community groups
- professional associations
- unions (local level)
- non-profit organizations
- voluntary organizations
- educational institutes (i.e. universities and colleges)
- provincial, territorial and municipal agencies
- individuals (applied research)

2. Specific Areas of Support

Funding will be provided under the CCIF for:

- demonstration projects
- development projects
- applied research projects

3. Priority Areas of Support

Funding priority under the CCIF will be given to projects addressing the special requirements of:

- Indian and Inuit children and children from minority cultural backgrounds
- special needs children (disabled, development delayed, etc.)
- children of parents who work shift-work or part-time
- children in rural communities and other settings requiring flexible models of care
- children who require short-time, respite or emergency care
- school-age children

4. Allowable Operating Costs

Funding under the CCIF will be provided for the following:

- salaries for project personnel proportionate to the time spent working on the project
- travel expenses and sustenance essential to the project
- office supplies and materials
- rental of office space where required
- maintenance and utilities
- rental of office equipment
- other expenses

5. Proposal Required

Groups or individuals seeking funding under the CCIF must submit a detailed proposal to Health and Welfare Canada. A Guide for Applicants, application forms and further information is available from the Department in Ottawa. Please contact:

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\$1.5 MILLION FOR AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVES

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that \$1.5 million has been awarded to 15 community groups and other key partners to develop education and prevention programs on HIV infection and AIDS.

The money will support community organizations that provide education and prevention programs at the grassroots level to persons with HIV infection and AIDS, to specific groups within the population and to the community at large.

"Until we can find a cure or vaccine against HIV infection, the most effective means we have of fighting the virus are education and prevention," said Mr. Beatty. "Only through collaborative efforts involving community and government partners can we hope to be successful in any AIDS prevention initiatives."

Building an Effective Partnership: The Federal Government's Commitment to Fighting AIDS identifies education and prevention as a chief means of stopping the transmission of HIV that leads to AIDS and creating a supportive environment for persons living with AIDS.

A complete list of the projects is attached.

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Federal Centre for AIDS
Health and Welfare Canada
Tel.: (613) 954-5151

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MIELS - Québec **\$87,000**

Funding for AIDS prevention, education and support services in Québec City.

**Groupe d'action pour la prévention du SIDA
dans la communauté haïtienne, Montréal** **\$85,282**

Funding for AIDS prevention, education and support programs targeted to Quebec's Haitian communities.

AIDS Committee of Toronto **\$55,800**

Funding to establish a structured bereavement project for caregivers, partners of persons with AIDS, family members, friends, and persons with AIDS throughout Metro Toronto.

**Intervention Régionale et d'Information
sur le Sida (Estrie), Sherbrooke** **\$50,000**

Funding for AIDS prevention, education and support services in the Estrie region of Québec.

**Association of Teachers of English as a
Second Language (TESL) of Canada, Halifax** **\$46,000**

Funding for a national strategy meeting to develop a plan for development and distribution of AIDS education for ESL and literacy students; to undertake AIDS education workshops at TESL meetings; and to coordinate a national AIDS training for ESL trainers symposium.

La Clairière de Québec, Québec **\$20,000**

Funding for Projet UDI-Québec designed to reduce the spread of HIV among injection drug users and prostitutes in the Quebec City area.

**AIDS: A Positive Coordinated Community Response
Society of Jasper** **\$11,000**

Funding for a workshop series designed to support behaviour change in populations that are currently engaged in high-risk behaviours.

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MORE THAN \$900,000 FOR 134 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced the approval of 134 New Horizons projects involving 16,873 participants, for a total funding of \$944,299.

The Living Younger Group of Kitchener, Ontario, will use its \$5,430 contribution to hold a wellness workshop for 70 seniors, aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles for older persons. The participants will be encouraged to take leadership roles in organizing community-based wellness programs for other seniors in their neighborhood.

The "Helping Hands" Senior Citizens Group of North West River, Newfoundland, will receive a contribution of \$8,819 to improve its activity centre and expand its meals-on-wheels program. The group will offer monthly congregate meals as well as deliver hot meals to those unable to visit the centre.

A leadership workshop will be organized by the Comité D'Âge D'Or Secteur Charlevoix in Les Éboulements, Quebec with its contribution of \$8,540. The three-day activity will enable the directors of 13 seniors groups to learn about leadership, develop skills in the area and be better able to meet the needs of seniors in their groups.



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A contribution of \$9,023 will enable the Broadway Pentecostal Lodge Residents' Council of Vancouver to develop a comprehensive music therapy program for 115 residents of this facility. Activities will include music-making, movement or dance, art to music, reminiscing, music appreciation, storytelling and drama. This program will be designed to reach difficult or withdrawn persons as well as those with physical disabilities or memory loss.

The Club Simon Nivon Inc. in Saint-Léon, Manitoba will use its contribution of \$1,712 to present an education and film program to promote health awareness among approximately 50 seniors in the community. It will also set up a physical fitness program for seniors.

New Horizons is designed to help seniors groups plan, develop and carry out projects which benefit seniors and their communities.

A complete list of the projects announced today is attached.

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Health and Welfare Canada
Tel.: (613) 954-2188

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NEWFOUNDLAND/TERRE-NEUVE

- 0-00797 Deer Lake, Deer Lake Senior Citizens Association
- \$16,568
- 0-00800 Dover, White Cliffs of Dover Senior Citizens Club
- \$14,463
- 0-00798 Newtown, Wonder Group - \$6,566
- 0-00796 North West River, "Helping Hands" Senior Citizens Group
- \$8,819
- 0-00803 St. Alban's, St. Alban's Senior Citizens Group - \$3,510

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ILE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

- 1-00368 Alberton, Alberton Presbyterian Church Historical Group
- \$2,500
- 1-00367 Charlottetown, 201 Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force
Association - \$6,626
- 1-00366 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Home Residents' Council
- \$2,847

NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

- 2-01445 Halifax, L'Eta D'Oro D'Italiani (Italian Golden Age) Club
- \$6,030
- 2-01431 Halifax, Vimy Legion Mixed Seniors Choir - \$2,860
- 2-01459 Lunenburg, Lunenburg County Senior Citizens Council
- \$1,185
- 2-01461 North Preston, North Preston Senior Citizens - \$10,456
- 2-01452 Northport, Sunrise Senior Citizens - \$5,000
- 2-01456 Port Hawkesbury, Sunset Manor Seniors Club - \$3,040

- 2-01464 Shelburne, Shelburne County Seniors' Council - \$1,750
- 2-01427 Windsor, Senior Citizens of Kendall Heights Terrace
- \$1,290
- 2-01434 Wolfville, Dutch Canadian Senior Citizen Association
- \$11,500

NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

- 3-01368 Elgin, Elgin Senior Citizens - \$7,173
- 3-01388 Grand Falls, Les vrais amis - \$395
- 3-01395 Memramcook, Zone Sud-Est de la F.C.N.B. - \$5,075
- 3-01366 Newcastle, Senior Citizens' Friendship Club - \$12,871
- 3-01371 Saint John, Hillcrest Villagers Senior Citizens' Club
- \$3,180
- 3-01340 Saint John, Seniors Club of Edith Avenue Baptist Church
- \$4,039
- 3-01352 Saint John, Simonds Lions Senior Citizens Glee Club
- \$2,850
- 3-01385 Saint John West, Lancaster Diamonds - \$1,155
- 3-01346 Sheila, Partage et Amitié - \$2,255

QUEBEC/QUÉBEC

- 4-12783 Baie-Comeau, Comité de la Popote Roulante - \$9,757
- 4-12872 Beauport, Les amis des bénéficiaires du Centre
Hospitalier St-Augustin - \$3,011
- 4-12657 Contrecoeur, En toute amitié inc. - \$4,091
- 4-12496 Crabtree, Les Amis des Aînés - \$5,055
- 4-12002 Deschaillons, Club de l'Age d'Or de Deschaillons
- \$10,124

- 4-12620 Drummondville, Comité des Résidents de l'Ermitage
- \$5,320
- 4-12634 Ferme-Neuve, Les Résidents du Manoir du Bel Age - \$2,330
- 4-12864 Gatineau, Comité de Loisirs des Coeurs Joyeux - \$4,074
- 4-12677 Gatineau, Les Ami(e)s du Soleil Inc. (Club de l'Age d'Or)
- \$3,944
- 4-12763 Hemmingford, Meals-on-Wheels / Popote Roulante
Hemmingford - \$7,742
- 4-12624 Jonquière, Age d'Or St-Albert Le Grand - \$1,566
- 4-12723 Jonquière, Ligue de Curling la "Brosse d'Argent" - \$3,193
- 4-12854 Jonquière, Ligue de Quilles du Plus Bel Age - \$4,500
- 4-12363 L'Acadie, Club du Troisième âge de L'Acadie - \$6,853
- 4-12139 L'Épiphanie, Les Verseaux - \$1,791
- 4-12453 Lachine, Senior Members of Riverside Lawn Bowling Club
- \$6,492
- 4-12447 Laval, Comité des Résidents du Pavillon Chomedey - \$4,306
- 4-12407 Laval, Gevurah Club - \$7,417
- 4-12499 Laval, Le Club de l'Age d'Or de Ste-Rose - \$4,461
- 4-12257 Les Éboulements, Comité D'Age D'Or Secteur Charlevoix
- \$8,540
- 4-12268 Magog, Regroupement d'Aînés de la MRC Memphrémagog
- \$6,618
- 4-12325 Mascouche, Les Joyeux Retraités - \$3,472
- 4-12526 Montréal, Association des Locataires de l'Habitation
Les Hirondelles - \$4,402
- 4-12790 Montréal, Chorale "Vif Argent" du Centre Culturel et
Sportif Roussin - \$3,604
- 4-12598 Montréal, Club de Pétanque Hochelaga Maisonneuve du
P.E.C. - \$3,507

- 4-12699 Montréal, Club de l'âge d'or Sainte-Germaine-Cousin de
Montréal Inc. - \$5,299
- 4-12043 Montréal, Conseil de l'âge d'or Région Montréal-Concordia
- \$6,674
- 4-12814 Montreal, Group of Cameo Productions - \$2,890
- 4-12588 Montreal, J.G.H. Stroke Club - \$6,006
- 4-12900 Montréal, La Popote roulante Petite Côte - \$6,886
- 4-12587 Montreal, Montreal Welsh Male Choir - \$4,299
- 4-12644 Montréal-Nord, Chorale Angélica Cascades - \$6,898
- 4-12642 Ormstown, Club Age d'Or d'Ormstown - \$2,417
- 4-12461 Ormstown, Les bénévoles du Centre de Jour et
Centre d'Accueil Ormstown-Huntingdon - \$4,617
- 4-12679 Québec, Fédération des clubs de l'Age d'Or de la région
de Québec - \$6,400
- 4-12730 Rimouski, Groupe de la Villas de l'Évêché - \$4,462
- 4-12706 Rivière-du-Loup, Comité des Aînés de la Résidence
"Le St-Louis" - \$3,419
- 4-12471 Robertsonville, Club de l'Age d'Or Inc. - \$5,822
- 4-12747 St-Antoine, L'Age d'Or Laurentien - \$4,489
- 4-12748 St-Antoine, Loisirs Médaillon d'Or - \$8,359
- 4-12246 St-Antoine-de-Tilly, Les Locataires de la Villa
des Cèdres - \$1,251
- 4-12680 St-David, Le Groupe des Retraités du H.L.M. Bon Séjour
- \$4,239
- 4-12161 St-Edmond, A.Q.D.R. Section Brandon Inc.,
Comité St-Edmond - \$9,546
- 4-12742 St-Eustache, Popote roulante St-Eustache - \$9,758
- 4-12833 St-Gédéon, La Popote Roulante de St-Gédéon - \$4,404
- 4-12817 St-Hubert, Les Locataires de la Résidence
Toussaint-Brosseau - \$4,631

- 4-12120 St-Ignace-de-Loyola, Club de l'Age d'Or Loyola - \$8,251
- 4-12802 St-Méthode, Info-Aînés de St-Méthode - \$8,124
- 4-12418 St-Paul de Joliette, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Paul
- \$6,300
- 4-12896 St-Sauveur-des-Monts, Popote Roulante des Pays d'en Haut
- \$12,442
- 4-12663 Ste-Clothilde, Club Age d'Or Ste-Clothilde - \$8,500
- 4-12599 Ste-Rita, Club de l'Age d'Or - \$6,398
- 4-12632 Sherbrooke, Conseil Régional de l'Age d'Or de l'Estrie
- \$6,120
- 4-12484 Thetford Mines, Les Pionniers de l'Age d'Or de
St-Alphonse de Thetford - \$1,752
- 4-12597 Ville Mercier, Age d'Or Ville Mercier - \$7,853
- 4-12372 Ville Mercier, Le Comité des Locataires du H.L.M.
Ville Mercier - \$2,372

ONTARIO/ONTARIO

- 5-10131 Chatham, Maple Court Gang - \$1,562
- 5-09456 Cornwall, The Seniors Division of the Cornwall Golf and
Country Club - \$13,068
- 5-10138 Goderich, The McKay Centre for Seniors Group - \$14,595
- 5-10137 Hilliardton, Blanche River Senior Citizens' Club - \$5,116
- 5-09704 Kanata, Ottawa Theatre Organ Society - \$5,700
- 5-09730 Kingston, Crystal Springs Keenagers - \$8,528
- 5-10139 Kitchener, Living Younger Group - \$5,430
- 5-10121 North Bay, Cassellholme Resident's Club - \$1,277
- 5-10127 Opasatika, Le Club de la Bonne Humeur - \$2,291
- 5-09713 Ottawa, "Tannenhof" Co-op Homes, Social Club - \$10,200

- 5-10142 Rockland, Comité Fanfare de Rockland - \$4,171
5-10125 Sudbury, Club des aînés Santé-Danse - \$10,547
5-09864 Toronto, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, Ontario Division
- \$74,092
5-10123 White River, Senior Citizens Harmony Club - \$14,532

MANITOBA/MANITOBA

- 6-01631 Portage la Prairie, Herman Prior Senior Services Centre
Art Class Group - \$1,998
6-01652 Russell, Russell Leisure Centre Seniors - \$5,000
6-01627 Saint-Léon, Club Simon Nivon Inc. - \$1,712
6-01653 Sarto, Sarto Senior Centre Committee - \$8,288
6-01644 The Pas, Valhalla Co-op Tenants Association - \$5,859
6-01650 Thompson, Northern Lights Friendship Group - \$3,000
6-01655 Winnipeg, Boulton Bay Seniors - \$4,000
6-01617 Winnipeg, Brantwood Estates Seniors - \$4,000
6-01660 Winnipeg, Manitoba Ex-RCAF (Women's Division) - \$3,500
6-01609 Winnipeg, Selkirk Avenue Seniors - \$6,202

SASKATCHEWAN/SASKATCHEWAN

- 7-02898 Chaplin, Chaplin Billiards Club - \$6,196
7-02896 McKague, McKague Jolly Elders - \$7,894
7-02905 Morse, Morse Senior Citizens Association Inc. - \$10,457
7-02635 Punnicchy, Day Star Senior Group - \$2,700
7-02914 Saskatoon, Shepherd Apartments New Horizons Club - \$3,119

ALBERTA/ALBERTA

- 8-02278 Bashaw, Buffalo Lake Golden Age Club - \$17,350
- 8-02277 Edmonton, Fédération des aînés franco-albertains
- \$12,930
- 8-02270 Entwistle, Entwistle Jubilee Senior Citizens Society
- \$7,632
- 8-02269 Lloydminster, Lloydminster New Horizons Committee
- \$15,000
- 8-02272 Millet, West Liberty School Reunion - \$600

BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

- 9-03855 Bowser, Bowser Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 211
- \$2,041
- 9-03865 Burnaby, B.C. Society of Model Engineers - \$19,382
- 9-03833 Burnaby, Fair Haven New Horizons Committee - \$4,487
- 9-03867 Cowichan Bay, The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society - \$5,000
- 9-03860 Delta, Ladner Private Hospital Residents' Council
- \$4,336
- 9-03857 Fort St. John, Seniors Keeping in Pace Group - \$19,892
- 9-03869 Mill Bay, Harmony Tai Chi and Exercise Club - \$3,540
- 9-03854 Parksville, District 69 Senior Peer Counselling - \$14,693
- 9-03859 Pender Island, The Library Board Pender Island Public
Library Association - \$15,000
- 9-03872 Port Coquitlam, Hope Manor Seniors Club - \$7,446
- 9-03862 Vancouver, Broadway Pentecostal Lodge Residents' Council
- \$9,023
- 9-03866 Vancouver, Golden Age Coffee Club - \$5,524
- 9-03864 Vancouver, Indo-Canadian Senior Women's Group - \$3,612

9-03861 Vancouver, Kits Seniors - \$8,565

9-03858 Vancouver, Lion's Den Wellness Group - \$13,884

9-03863 Vancouver, Western Association Fun and Fitness Group
- \$19,370

9-03870 Victoria, Fairfield Activity Centre Society
(New Horizons) - \$36,960

9-03868 Victoria, Prince Edward Lodge New Horizons - \$1,947

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\$153,000 FOR TWO SURVEYS ON HIV INFECTION AND AIDS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that \$153,053 has been awarded for two surveys to study the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours related to HIV infection and AIDS.

The Department of Health Administration of the University of Toronto will receive \$126,836 to study HIV infection and lifestyles for First Nations peoples and develop health promotion and educational programs that are culturally sensitive to aboriginal communities. The survey is being co-funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

The Département de Santé communautaire Maisonneuve-Rosemont in Montreal will receive \$26,217 to assess the attitudes of adolescents on the use of condoms and birth control pills.

"We need more ground-breaking research studies on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of Canadians with respect to AIDS in order to design effective, well-targeted education and prevention strategies," said Mr. Beatty. "These surveys will build on our understanding of how specific groups and hard-to-reach populations are reacting to the dangers of HIV infection and AIDS."

Building an Effective Partnership: The Federal Government's Commitment to Fighting AIDS recognizes that research studies targeted to specific populations are essential in better understanding the perspectives of Canadians on the subject of HIV infection and AIDS and will further the important goals of education and prevention.

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ELEVEN DAYCARE PROJECTS RECEIVE \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that 11 projects will receive a total of \$997,162 from the Child Care Initiatives Fund.

The Saskatoon Community Clinic, Community Health Services (Saskatoon) Association Ltd. will receive \$446,697 to assist with the start-up of Maggie's Child Care Centre. The Centre will develop and evaluate intervention techniques as well as specialized child care services. It will also serve children of both adolescent and native parents.

"This innovative project," said Mr. Beatty, "will provide a much needed structure to help parents continue their education or find permanent employment while being assured that their children are being well looked after."

The Canadian Child Day Care Federation and The Canadian Day Care Advocacy Association of Ottawa will receive \$182,590 for a national study on daycare salaries and working conditions. The study will focus on staff turnover and the costs of training new employees. Greater job satisfaction for child care workers, better working conditions and a reduced turnover rate will result from this project.

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Hampton Day Care Inc. near Saint John, New Brunswick will receive \$11,065 to analyze the daycare needs of the community and tailor existing daycare services to those needs. The analysis may result in the establishment of a daycare centre, with professional staff, for children of the region.

A complete list of approved projects is attached.

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Health and Welfare Canada
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CHILD CARE INITIATIVES FUND

APPROVED PROJECTS

British Columbia

Feasibility Study for Urban Native Child
Care Facility
Port Alberni Friendship Centre
3555 - 4th Avenue
PORT ALBERNI, British Columbia
V9Y 4H3

Tel.: (604) 723-1223

Alberta

Developing the Whole Child
Alexander (Kipohtakaw) Education Centre
Day Care Program
P.O. Box 1440
MORINVILLE, Alberta
TOG 1P0

Tel.: (403) 939-3551

Saskatchewan

Dakota Indian Child Care Research and Development
Dakota Nations of Saskatchewan
P.O. Box 149
R.R. 5
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan
S7K 3J8

Tel.: (306) 332-4685

Community Services, Teen Parents Child Care Centre
Saskatoon Community Clinic, Community Health
Services (Saskatoon) Association Ltd.
455 Second Avenue North
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan
S7V 2C2

Tel.: (306) 652-0300

Manitoba

Nelson House Day Care Centre \$ 31,394.
Nelson House Child Care Co-op Inc.
Nelson House Indian Band
General Delivery
NELSON HOUSE, Manitoba
ROB 1A0

Tel.: (204) 484-2332

Ontario

Work Related Integrated Day Care \$ 33,719.
Dufferin Association for Community Living
14 Stewart Court
Suite 100
ORANGEVILLE, Ontario
L9W 3Z9

Tel.: (519) 941-8971

National Research Study on the Wages and \$182,590.
Working Conditions of Child Care Employees

Canadian Child Care Federation
120 Holland Avenue, Suite 401
OTTAWA, Ontario
K1Y 0X6

Tel.: (613) 729-5289

Canadian Day Care Advocacy Association
323 Chapel Street
OTTAWA, Ontario
K1N 7Z2

Tel.: (613) 594-3196

Book: Day Care and the Law \$ 90,000.
Umbrella Central Day Care Services
361 Danforth Avenue
TORONTO, Ontario
M4K 1P1

Tel.: (416) 267-2549

New Brunswick

Demonstration Needs Project
Hampton Day Care Inc. \$ 11,065.
c/o Ritchie, Cannell
P.O. Box 7143, Station A
SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick
E2L 4S5

Tel.: (506) 832-7661

Newfoundland

Early Childhood Inservice Project \$ 8,132.
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Education
Confederation Building
P.O. Box 4750
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland
A1C 5T7

Tel.: (709) 576-5720

New Beginnings Project - Phase I \$ 15,008.
Fisher Institute of Applied Arts and Technology
P.O. Box 822
CORNERBROOK, Newfoundland
A2H 6B9

Tel.: (709) 637-2501

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, approved recently cost-sharing agreements with all provinces and territories, under the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act (VRDP). The agreements cover a three-year period, from April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1993, and are now awaiting signature by all provincial and territorial governments.

Created in 1962, VRDP agreements encourage provinces and territories to provide services for disabled persons on a 50\50 cost-sharing basis with the federal government. In fiscal year 1989-90, federal payments which totalled \$106 million, reached 200,000 disabled Canadians.

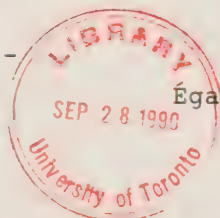
The objectives of these agreements are to support and encourage greater social and economic integration of persons with disabilities as well as to facilitate involvement of the disabled person as a consumer. They also provide greater flexibility to provinces and territories in their delivery of services.

For example, these agreements provide cost-sharing for goods and services to disabled persons for a limited time to cover employment difficulties related to possible job loss. Direct provincial\territorial payments to individuals to purchase rehabilitation services can also be shared. There are provisions in the agreements to ensure that independent appeal procedures are in place, enabling individuals or their representatives to question decisions rendered regarding their eligibility for vocational rehabilitation.

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1990-75
September 10, 1990

OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN OCTOBER

OTTAWA - Federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will increase in October in line with the cost of living, the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced today.

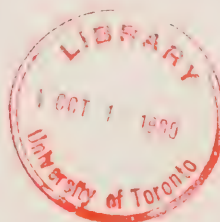
The Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 and older, will rise to \$351.41 (from \$347.93) a month.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$417.61 (from \$413.48) for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive an Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will increase to \$272.01 (from \$269.32) for each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance -- paid to low-income people between 60 and 64 who are married to GIS recipients -- will increase to \$623.42 (from \$617.25).

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The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance, paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will increase to \$688.26 (from \$681.44).

All of these benefits are adjusted every three months based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's measure of inflation.

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September 17, 1990

ADDITIONAL \$100,000 TO 10 NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced the approval of \$100,000 special funding to 10 national voluntary health organizations, in response to a recommendation from the National Voluntary Health Organization Review Committee, composed of representatives from the voluntary sector.

"It is estimated that one Canadian in four volunteers for activities related to education, health and social development," explained Mr. Beatty. "The assistance provided today will serve to establish specific planning or training activities and thus strengthen the national infrastructure of the organizations involved."

The national organizations involved provide support services to their affiliated provincial and local groups, such as assistance with program planning and delivery, chapter development, volunteer training, financial planning, public education, and fund raising.

The special funds of \$10,000 to each organization will be utilized in such areas as human and financial resource development, design of a long-range plan, services to chapters, and the establishment of active affiliates in previously unserved areas.



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"The importance of volunteers in the delivery of health services and in fundraising cannot be overstated," the Minister said. "It is through this important partnership between the voluntary sector and the government that Canadians will continue to have access to quality information, programs and services and can participate in decisions affecting their own health."

In June, 1990 the Minister announced the list of 49 national voluntary health organizations that received funding from the \$2.9 million Sustaining Grants Program.

A list of recipient organizations to receive the special funding is attached.

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DES Action Canada

Canadian Neurological Coalition

Canadian Association for Narcolepsy

Canadian Friends of Schizophrenics

Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

La Leche League Canada

Canadian Rett Syndrome Association

Canadian Association of Health Care Auxiliaries

Canadian Psoriasis Foundation

news release

1990-81
September 20, 1990

\$778,000 FOR CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT INITIATIVES

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that \$778,139 has been awarded to three organizations for projects to support the quality of health and social services available to persons living with HIV infection and AIDS, one of the key goals of Building an Effective Partnership: The Federal Government's Commitment to Fighting AIDS.

The Canadian Hemophilia Society will receive \$400,000 to provide on-going prevention and control of HIV infection and AIDS, as well as support services to hemophiliac families and their caregivers.

The Canadian Hospital Association will receive \$292,250 to develop a program model demonstrating the economic benefits of a team-based management education program for caregivers of AIDS\HIV patients in health care institutions.

The AIDS Network of Edmonton Society will receive \$85,889 to expand the HIV\AIDS counselling network in the Province of Alberta. In addition, it will hire a community consultant to provide a continuing professional education approach.



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"The delivery of health and social services must be effective and sensitive to the needs of persons living with HIV and AIDS. As well, we must be more attentive to the support provided by their caregivers, families and friends. This assistance and support are fundamental goals of the federal government's AIDS strategy," said the Minister.

Ref.:	Monette Haché Federal Centre for AIDS Health and Welfare Canada (613) 954-5151	Également disponible en français
	Dr. Taylor Alexander Canadian Hospital Association (613) 238-8005	
	Robert Shearer Canadian Hemophilia Society (514) 848-9661	
	Dr. Bryce Larke Alberta Health (403) 427-0836	

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1990-82
October 1, 1990

CANADA\NETHERLANDS SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT COMES INTO FORCE

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today that the Reciprocal Agreement on Social Security between Canada and the Netherlands came into force on October 1, 1990.

This agreement coordinates the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with comparable social security programs of the Netherlands, which provide old age, disability and survivor's benefits.

Both Canada and the Netherlands require that certain residence and/or contributory conditions be met before individuals may qualify for benefits. Under the terms of the Agreement, these conditions are eased for persons who reside, or have resided in Canada and the Netherlands. In this way, persons will now be assured social security protection.

Once eligibility is established, the Agreement provides a means of calculating the amount of benefit to be paid by each country in accordance with its own legislation. The amount of benefit payable is determined on the basis of the periods of residence or contributions credited to the individual in each country.

Similar agreements have been concluded with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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1990-83
October 9, 1990

\$799,364 IN FUNDING FOR 126 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 126 projects have been approved for funding under New Horizons for a total of \$799,364. These projects will involve 13,041 participants across Canada.

The Steeltown Friendly Group of Trenton, Nova Scotia will receive a contribution of \$2,495 to set up a municipal recycling depot and to organize a recycling program. Volunteers will spend their time at the depot to receive recyclable items. The group will also promote the program to encourage participation.

The Carrefour des Retraités de Montréal-Nord Inc. of Montréal-Nord, will receive a contribution of \$17,635 to organize a meals-on-wheels program which will help seniors to remain longer in their homes. Volunteers will prepare and deliver 60 meals twice a week.

With its contribution of \$10,229, the Arts Festival Committee of Etobicoke, Ontario, will organize an arts festival for all Adult Centres of Ontario. Up to 1,000 seniors will be involved in competitions, displays, demonstrations and workshops. The festival will afford older adults an opportunity to network and share knowledge to further develop arts programs which will meet the future artistic needs of seniors.

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The Pastoral Care Visiting Group of Winnipeg will use its contribution of \$18,845 to produce a pastoral care training video for seniors. A six-week training program will be filmed using trainers who are renowned authorities in their subject areas. The videos will enable clubs, organizations and agencies to train as many as 300 senior volunteers. Topics will include pastoral care and visiting methods, and communication techniques associated with aging, spirituality, death and dying.

A contribution of \$26,072 will enable the Salmon Arm Community Resource Centre Society of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, to organize a one-day seniors health fair, bi-weekly wellness drop-in clinics and monthly outreach clinics. The health fair will bring together seniors and resources from the Salmon Arm community and will launch the concept of the wellness clinics. At least 325 people will participate in these activities.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

A complete list of the projects announced today is attached.

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NEWFOUNDLAND/TERRE-NEUVE

0-00799 Brooklyn, Brooklyn Senior Citizens Recreational Club
- \$2,553

0-00805 Corner Brook, Hiscock Manor Seniors Association - \$3,928

0-00802 Hare Bay, Golden Sentinels Seniors Group - \$3,420

0-00801 Old Perlican, Ocean View Senior Citizens Group - \$1,595

0-00806 St. Lawrence, Golden Age Club of St. Lawrence - \$9,704

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ILE-DU-PRINCE-EDOUARD

1-00370 Cardigan, Victory Chimes Senior Citizens' Club - \$4,825

1-00369 Charlottetown, P.E.I. Harmonica Players - \$3,110

1-00371 Charlottetown, Pownal Square Seniors Club - \$3,010

NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

2-01465 Halifax, Halifax Stroke Club - \$11,594

2-01467 Lower Sackville, Sackville Senior Advisory Council
- \$5,532

2-01462 Parkers Cove, Bay Shore New Horizons - \$4,000

2-01440 Port Morien, Bayside Senior Citizens - \$2,386

2-01451 Trenton, Steeltown Friendly Group - \$2,495

NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

3-01381 Allardville, Région "Temps de vivre" - \$450

3-01379 Dieppe, Golden Age Bowling League - \$8,025

- 3-01397 Fredericton, Masters Golf Association - \$3,100
- 3-01380 Glassville, Pioneer Senior Citizens - \$2,936
- 3-01362 Hampton, Hampton Seniors Resource Centre Inc. - \$29,150
- 3-01372 Kouchibouguac, Kouchibouguac Senior Citizens Club
- \$3,313
- 3-01363 Landry Office, Club d'âge d'or de Landry Office Inc.
- \$3,386
- 3-01339 Saint John, Senior 79ers Club - \$1,780
- 3-01386 Stanley, Stanley Rainbow Seniors - \$3,774

QUEBEC/QUÉBEC

- 4-12365 Anjou, Le Club De L'Age D'Or "Les Invincibles" Inc.
- \$6,398
- 4-12674 Anjou, Les Aînés du Centre Le Royer - \$5,229
- 4-12219 Arthabaska, Club de la Bonne Entente - \$1,390
- 4-12249 Barraute, Centre de Bénévoles Unijoie - \$7,274
- 4-12651 Bic, Le Club de l'Age d'Or - \$2,012
- 4-12799 Buckland, Les Locataires de la Villa Bonséjour - \$1,495
- 4-12639 Charlemagne, Club de l'Age d'Or de Charlemagne - \$7,887
- 4-12836 Châteauguay, Les Loisirs Manoir Alfred Dorais - \$3,300
- 4-12399 Dorion, Age d'Or Ste-Trinité de Dorion - \$8,068
- 4-12273 Gracefield, Popote Roulante de la Vallée de la Gatineau
- \$12,136
- 4-12380 Granby, Club de croquet de Granby Inc. - \$2,180
- 4-12829 Granby, Les Aînés de la Société Alzheimer de Granby
- \$4,840

- 4-12640 Hudson, Groupe de l'Age d'Or de Hudson - \$5,586
- 4-12514 Joliette, A.R.E.Q. Secteur de Lanaudière - \$3,909
- 4-12220 Joly, Les Aînés Chantant - \$5,950
- 4-12785 Jonquière, Cercle "Villa des Peupliers" - \$4,598
- 4-12710 Lac-des-Écorces, Club de l'Age d'Or - l'Age du Souvenir
- \$5,735
- 4-12886 Lachine, Les Aînés de Carignan - \$3,164
- 4-12542 Laval, Age d'Or de St-Claude - \$4,964
- 4-12892 Les Saules, Ligue de Quilles les "Vive La Joie" - \$2,564
- 4-12726 Lévis, Club les Quatre-Saisons Lévis Inc. - \$6,728
- 4-12825 Longueuil, Le Groupe du Clair Matin - \$5,157
- 4-12438 Melocheville, Club d'Age d'Or de Melocheville - \$8,068
- 4-12605 Montréal, "Rayons de Soleil" Age d'Or St-René Goupil
- \$7,185
- 4-12928 Montréal, Alliance Culturelle Inc. - \$2,770
- 4-12791 Montréal, Association de Loc. Mayfair Inc. - \$1,593
- 4-12728 Montréal, Club de l'Age d'Or de la Paroisse de St-Mathieu
Inc. - \$7,196
- 4-12633 Montréal, Club de l'âge d'or Italien St-Damase - \$4,864
- 4-12604 Montréal, Comité de travail Teresa Valentini - \$5,965
- 4-12937 Montreal, Laurentian Benevolent Foundation - \$6,929
- 4-11978 Montréal, Les Aînés de la Légion Royale Canadienne Fil.
Frontenac 229 - \$10,248
- 4-12448 Montréal, Les Aînés du Centre Villeray - \$6,808
- 4-12772 Montreal, Meals-on-Wheels - Union United - \$6,703
- 4-12946 Montréal, Popote Roulante St-Simon - \$9,987

- 4-12901 Montréal, Popote roulante St-Pierre Claver - \$7,817
- 4-12912 Montréal, Triangle Récréo - \$5,449
- 4-12782 Montréal-Nord, Association des Loisirs du Manoir Gouin
- \$8,099
- 4-12962 Montréal-Nord, Carrefour des Retraités de Montréal-Nord
Inc. - \$17,635
- 4-12860 Montréal-Nord, Les Jeunes D'Autrefois - \$2,218
- 4-12700 Outremont, Les Résidents de la Maison Lizette Gervais
- \$4,827
- 4-12607 Rimouski, Cercle Culturel de l'amitié - \$5,539
- 4-12895 Rivière-du-Loup, Comité des Loisirs du Pavillon des
Cèdres - \$4,433
- 4-12563 St-Benoit de Mirabel, Les Résidents du H.L.M. Édifice
d'Youville - \$2,455
- 4-12265 St-Gabriel, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Gabriel - \$6,049
- 4-12625 St-Guy, Age d'Or de St-Guy - \$2,212
- 4-12688 St-Just-de-Bretenières, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Just
Inc. - \$5,498
- 4-12968 Saint-Laurent, Club Social Sainte-Croix - \$5,779
- 4-12818 St-Léonard, Club de l'âge d'or Ferland masculin - \$7,354
- 4-12751 St-Narcisse Neubois, Le Club Social Neubois 3e Age Inc.
- \$3,334
- 4-12752 St-Romuald, Les Résidents de la Villa Beauséjour - \$3,296
- 4-12856 Ste-Justine, Comité des Bénéficiaires du Foyer
Ste-Justine - \$2,525
- 4-12414 Ste-Justine, Groupe des Résidents du H.L.M. "Villa
Plaisance" - \$1,302
- 4-12350 Terrasse-Vaudreuil, Club de l'Age d'Or de
Terrasse-Vaudreuil - \$5,242

4-12541 Ville des Laurentides, Les Amis De La Pétanque - \$4,825

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5-10182 Beeton, Frienship Circle 302 Club - \$8,501
5-10152 Capreol, Capreol and Valley Senior Curlers - \$7,993
5-09739 Cobourg, Sidbrook Support Group - \$9,615
5-09526 Embrun, Popote roulante Embrun - \$2,325
5-10184 Etobicoke, Arts Festival Committee - \$10,229
5-09443 Hawkesbury, Comité-Défilé de mode pour aînés - \$3,375
5-10175 King City, King Seniors' Carpet Bowling Club - \$1,499
5-09726 Kingston, Seniors Compuclub - \$10,088
5-10165 Leamington, Erie Glen Manor Seniors - \$4,658
5-10176 London, Chelsey Park Horizons - \$11,067
5-10140 Meaford, Rocklyn Thursday Nighters - \$4,000
5-10136 North Bay, Four Forty Club For Seniors - \$6,018
5-09994 Ottawa, STO/ERO Social Club - \$3,228
5-10155 St. Thomas, Caressant Care Nursing Home Seniors - \$6,250
5-10130 Stevensville, Stevensville District Seniors - \$5,104
5-09417 Vankleek Hill, Comité d'accompagnement transport -
Vankleek Hill - \$7,924
5-10128 Welland, La ligue de quilles du jeudi - \$10,930
5-10173 Woodbridge, The Special Needs Italian Group of Seniors
- \$1,366

MANITOBA/MANITOBA

- 6-01664 Binscarth, Binscarth Drop-In Centre Seniors - \$1,000
- 6-01657 Neepawa, HAND (Home Assistance in Neepawa and District)
- \$1,163
- 6-01636 Plumas, Plumas Meal Program Committee - \$4,000
- 6-01659 Selkirk, Knights Centre Social Club - \$2,761
- 6-01642 Sprague, Evergreen Seniors Inc. - \$8,000
- 6-01575 Ste Rose du Lac, Northwest Regional Council Inc. - \$1,000
- 6-01651 Stony Mountain, Hilltop Congregate Meal Program - \$3,316
- 6-01666 Winnipeg, 60 Chesterfield Tenants Association - \$4,000
- 6-01674 Winnipeg, Age and Opportunity, Smith Street Centre
Membership - \$1,882
- 6-01670 Winnipeg, Air Museum P.R. Volunteer Group - \$9,200
- 6-01647 Winnipeg, Charleswood Legion Seniors Club 100 - \$5,408
- 6-01634 Winnipeg, Kildonan Seniors Horizons - \$6,249
- 6-01645 Winnipeg, Main Street Seniors - \$12,136
- 6-01661 Winnipeg, Pastoral Care Visiting Group - \$18,845

SASKATCHEWAN/SASKATCHEWAN

- 7-02875 Birch Hills, Lake Park History Committee - \$2,500
- 7-02915 Regina, Saskatchewan Region F.S.N.A. Program Planning
Committee - \$19,000
- 7-02903 Rocanville, Rocanville Seniors' Club Inc. - \$4,300
- 7-02910 Simpson, Simpson Senior Citizens Association - \$3,320

ALBERTA/ALBERTA

- 8-02288 Edson, Edson and District Old Timers Recreation Society
- \$17,870
- 8-02284 Hanna, Alberta Pioneer Association of Hanna and District
- \$19,986

BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

- 9-03879 Kelowna, Okanagan Valley Branch: Federal Superannuates
National Association - \$5,894
- 9-03878 Kimberley, Residents' Council of the Kimberley Special
Care Home - \$5,401
- 9-03876 Lake Cowichan, Lake Cowichan and District Seniors
O.A.P.O. Branch #43 - \$20,648
- 9-03877 Oyama, Prime Time Club - \$3,760
- 9-03828 Salmon Arm, Salmon Arm Community Resource Centre Society
- \$26,072
- 9-03880 Sidney, British Columbia Seniors Games Society - \$9,925
- 9-03852 Surrey, Social Services (Food) Committee - \$13,704
- 9-03873 Surrey, Surrey Senior Repeater Group - \$9,835
- 9-03875 Vancouver, Grandview Terrace Seniors Association Inc.
(1989) - \$5,781
- 9-03871 Vancouver, Steeves Manor Go Getters - \$18,500
- 9-03843 Victoria, Ezrah Community Association Computer Group
- \$8,831
- 9-03881 Victoria, Juan de Fuca Hospitals Auxiliary - \$2,073

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1990-87
November 16, 1990

\$7 MILLION FOR A CANADIAN STUDY ON HEALTH AND AGING

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Employment and Immigration and Minister of State for Seniors, today announced funding of \$7 million for a Canadian Study on Health and Aging. The study, funded by Health and Welfare Canada will consist of several smaller studies on Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. It will be undertaken in nineteen regional, university-based centres across Canada.

"The Canadian Study on Health and Aging is a ground-breaking project which will provide extensive data for investigating the incidence of Alzheimer's and other diseases of dementia in the elderly," Mrs. Vézina commented.

The study has several objectives:

- 1) to estimate the prevalence of dementia among elderly Canadians using a standard research methodology;
- 2) to determine the risk factors for Alzheimer's type of dementia;
- 3) to assess the physical and psychological burden that patients with dementia place on their caregivers and to determine the need for support that this burden produces;
- 4) to establish a uniform database for subsequent research on Alzheimer's disease and related problems.

Some 10,000 Canadians aged 65 and over will be tested for cognitive impairment, 8,000 of whom are living at home and another 2,000 living in institutions. All of the cognitively impaired, and a sample group of those not impaired, will be invited to the nearest study centre for clinical assessment. From this, researchers hope to determine the cause of the impairment (Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia). As well, there are 14 add-on projects which include additional questions specific to various regions of the country.

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Pilot testing for this study began in June, 1990 at university-based centres in Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City. The complete study began in October, 1990. To collect the data will take about 15 months with another 10 months required for analysis. Publication of the results is expected in 1992.

Data from the Canadian Study on Health and Aging will contribute to an international study of dementia being developed by the World Health Organization (WHO). Collaboration has already begun in order to make sampling and data collection compatible and the WHO will launch its pilot project in January 1991.

Funding for the \$7 million dollar project will come from the Senior's Independence Research Program and will be administered by the National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP) of Health and Welfare Canada. The NHRDP is the major federal funding source for both health services and public health research. The Canadian Study on Health and Aging was developed jointly by the University of Ottawa and the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control of Health and Welfare Canada.

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223 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE \$ 1.6 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Employment and Immigration and Minister of State for Seniors, today announced 223 projects totalling \$ 1,637,910 under the New Horizons Program.

"Close to 26,000 seniors will be involved in these projects, the objective of which is to encourage them to pool their knowledge, talents and experience in a variety of initiatives while fully realizing their potential," said the Minister.

The following projects are among those receiving funding :

Committee on Alcohol Abuse Prevention by Seniors (Calgary)

This group will receive a \$ 40,776 contribution to enable it to establish a hands-on program for the assessment and effective treatment of seniors with an alcohol abuse problem. Seniors in this group will be trained in the self-help approach, which will enable them to work in close contact with participants and to encourage them to diversify their activities.

The Seniors Orientation Program (Ottawa)

With its \$ 51,484 in funding, this group will be able to set up a centralized generic training program for senior volunteers in Ottawa-Carleton. Several hundred volunteers will take courses on such diverse subjects as communication techniques, the healthy and normal aging process, mental health, elder abuse, and community resources.

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The Cranbrook Seniors Caregivers Network (Cranbrook, B.C.)

This group will receive a contribution of \$ 29,642 with which to create a complete support and self-help network involving 200 caregivers. Its objectives are to help seniors develop their role, offer workshops to inform and train facilitators, set up a documentation centre and establish an emergency phone line.

Le groupe Centre de Vie de Sainte-Claire (Sainte-Claire)

A contribution of \$ 12,383 will allow this organization to renovate its office so as to provide meals on wheels and to lectures for seniors.

P.E.I. Leadership Seniors Group (Charlottetown)

In order to encourage the senior population to get involved in social recreational and volunteer activities, this group will receive \$ 6,150 to organize facilitator training workshops in each riding throughout the province.

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NEWFOUNDLAND/TERRE-NEUVE

- 0-00809 Epworth, Epworth Senior Citizens Group - \$2,991
- 0-00810 Marystown, Burin Peninsula Senior Citizens Development
Organization - \$4,200
- 0-00804 St. John's, Golden K of Kiwanis - \$2,928
- 0-00808 St. Mary's Bay, Yesterday's Youth Club - \$3,209
- 0-00794 Summerford, Friendship Group - \$10,592

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

- 1-00374 Charlottetown, Nurses Alumnae of the Charlottetown
Hospital - \$2,500
- 1-00375 Charlottetown, P.E.I. Leadership Seniors Group - \$6,150
- 1-00373 Charlottetown, West Royalty Seniors - \$3,175
- 1-00372 Clinton, Clinton View Lodge Seniors Group - \$1,974

NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

- 2-01454 Glace Bay, Canadian Council of the Blind Glace Bay
- \$3,300
- 2-01439 Glace Bay, Paradise Social Club - \$1,572
- 2-01471 La Have, New Dublin Golden Pioneers Senior Citizens Club
- \$1,222
- 2-01466 Lower Sackville, Sackville Legion Seniors Recreation Club
- \$6,860
- 2-01448 New Waterford, Fox Chiasson Senior Citizens Club - \$2,000

2-01442 North Alton, Alton 50 Plus Club - \$5,865

2-01468 Sydney Mines, St. Andrews Ladies Aid - \$1,220

NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

3-01392 Anagance, Anagance Seniors - \$1,600

3-01404 Bathurst, Université du 3e âge - Cellule de Bathurst
- \$1,000

3-01343 Beresford, Club de l'âge d'or de Beresford - \$1,350

3-01393 Black's Harbour, Harbourview Senior Citizens - \$3,857

3-01398 Campbellton, Senior Citizen Club - \$8,000

3-01390 Fredericton, Devon Seniors - \$3,940

3-01391 Fredericton, The Swinging Sixties Exercise Class - \$1,265

3-01370 Inkerman, Club d'âge d'or d'Inkerman - \$1,615

3-01342 Millerton, Derby Parish Senior Citizens - \$6,042

3-01350 St-Antoine, Club d'Âge d'Or de St-Antoine - \$5,050

3-01399 Saint John, Lorneville 55 Plus Over Club - \$8,770

3-01401 Tide Head, Tide Head Gay 60's Senior Citizens Club
- \$3,495

3-01344 Tracadie, Les belles étoiles - \$1,450

3-01396 Woodstock, Newburg Nuggets - \$12,758

QUEBEC/QUÉBEC

4-12313 Ascot Corner, Club Social et Culturel de Ascot Corner
- \$2,875

- 4-12662 Beauceville-Est, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Beauceville
- \$5,175
- 4-12562 Boileau, Club de la Bonne Entente - \$9,380
- 4-13000 Breakeyville, Les Joyeux Compagnons - \$4,070
- 4-12427 Charlesbourg, Les Retraités des Anciens Combattants
- \$6,181
- 4-12978 Chicoutimi, Association des Locataires de la Coopérative
d'Habitation "Le Trianon" - \$1,902
- 4-12465 Chute St-Philippe, Club du Vieux Rêve, Chute St-Philippe
- \$7,103
- 4-12584 Desbiens, Club Âge d'Or Desbiens - \$4,373
- 4-12345 East Angus, South Shore Golden Agers - \$1,707
- 4-12004 Gallix, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Gallix - \$11,699
- 4-12622 Hull, Atelier de sculpture sur bois de Hull, Québec
- \$5,237
- 4-12583 Hull, Les Retraités Autonomes de la Résidence Frontenac
- \$4,646
- 4-12540 Joliette, Âge d'Or St-Pierre Apôtre - \$9,594
- 4-12650 L'Ascension, Cercle des Années d'Or de L'Ascension de
N.S. - \$4,128
- 4-12570 L'Ascension, Les Étoiles filantes - \$2,163
- 4-12704 L'Ascension de Patapédia, Club de l'Âge d'Or de
L'Ascension de Patapédia - \$5,847
- 4-12768 Lac Masson, Les Locataires de l'Habitation du Lac Masson
- \$3,309
- 4-12804 Laterrière, Club de l'Âge d'Or du Grand Brûlé - \$6,800
- 4-12585 Laval, Âge d'Or Manoir des Châteaux - \$2,279
- 4-12863 Laval, Club Âge d'Or Le Duvernay - \$8,943
- 4-12586 Laval, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Notre-Dame-de-Pontmain
- \$8,940

4-12412 Lorrainville, Le Club du Bonheur - \$7,655

4-12212 Louiseville, Club de l'âge d'or Inc. Louiseville - \$5,802

4-12773 Mascouche, Les Chênes Verts - \$4,215

4-12608 Mistassini, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Mistassini - \$8,393

4-12936 Montréal, Association des Locataires de l'Habitation
Jean-Valets - \$4,535

4-12718 Montréal, Association des Résidents de l'Habitation
Ahuntsic - \$8,417

4-12966 Montréal, Association des Retraités de la Résidence
Hochelaga Aird - \$3,668

4-12882 Montréal, Club Social Les Retrouvailles - 1700 - \$5,063

4-12760 Montréal, Club de Bridge des Aînés de Rosemont - \$2,868

4-12417 Montréal, Comité de Locataires Tour "A" - \$4,121

4-12653 Montréal, Comité des Bénéficiaires de la Résidence
Robert Cliche - \$5,901

4-12709 Montréal, Comité des Résidents Grand Âge - \$4,164

4-12226 Montréal, La Tour Duquesne à l'action - \$2,662

4-12949 Montréal, Le Comité du Projet Renaissance - \$5,944

4-12366 Montréal, Les Amis du 55 "Âge d'Or" - \$4,599

4-12889 Montréal, Les Clairettes - \$5,910

4-12943 Montréal, Les membres de Place Vermeil Inc. - \$9,807

4-12320 Montreal, Meals-on-Wheels "Filia" - \$8,487

4-12996 Montreal, Meals-on-Wheels Unit 42 St. Columba - \$8,085

4-12935 Outremont, Les Ultramontais Inc. - \$5,438

4-12554 Péribonka, Club de l'Âge d'Or - \$1,651

4-12916 Petit-Saguenay, Club de l'Âge d'Or - \$3,142

4-12243 Québec, Club Social Zéphirin Charest - \$1,525

- 4-12636 Québec, L'Association des locataires des "Appartements
Les Saules" Inc. - \$6,203
- 4-12401 Rawdon, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Rawdon Inc. - \$10,613
- 4-12573 Rimouski, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Ste-Odile - \$9,367
- 4-12683 St-Augustin-De-Desmaures, Club Amitié du Haut-St-Laurent
- \$4,559
- 4-12635 Saint-Basile, Le Club de l'Amitié Âge d'Or - \$4,397
- 4-12857 St-Camille, Club de l'Âge d'Or de St-Camille Lellis Inc.
- \$4,011
- 4-12411 St-Étienne-des-Grès, Club Âge d'Or St-Étienne-des-Grès
Inc. - \$9,843
- 4-12906 St-Eustache, Association des résidents de St-Eustache
- \$7,784
- 4-12918 St-Hubert, Club de l'Amitié de St-Hubert - \$5,508
- 4-12806 St-Jérôme, Les Joyeux Retraités de la Maison Grignon
- \$3,307
- 4-12224 St-Léonard, Association Pirandello (Golden Age Club)
- \$4,333
- 4-12384 St-Liguori, Âge d'Or de St-Liguori - \$3,119
- 4-12400 St-Liguori, Association des Locataires de la Résidence
L'Amitié - \$1,727
- 4-12702 St-Luc, Cercle de Fermières de St-Luc - \$4,018
- 4-12531 Saint-Luc, Club de l'Âge d'Or St-Luc Inc. - \$10,723
- 4-12868 St-Rédempteur, Les résidents de la Résidence le Conf'Or
- \$2,158
- 4-12951 St-Thomas, Bénévoles de St-Thomas - \$8,761
- 4-12652 St-Valérien-de-Rimouski, Club de l'Âge d'Or - \$3,750
- 4-12741 Ste-Claire, Centre de Vie de Ste-Claire Inc. - \$12,384
- 4-12396 Ste-Foy, Club des Loisirs des Marronniers de Ste-Foy
- \$4,052

- 4-12734 Ste-Germaine-Boulé, Club de l'âge d'or de Sainte-Germaine
- \$7,360
- 4-12695 Ste-Hénédine, Le Comité des Bénéficiaires du Pavillon
Labbé - \$2,557
- 4-12614 Ste-Hénédine, Le comité des Joyeux Locataires H.L.M.
"La Villa d'Or" - \$1,030
- 4-12535 Ste-Marie, Comité de Récréation H.L.M. "Le Bocage"
- \$2,030
- 4-12322 Shawinigan, Le Club des Aînés actifs de la Palestre
- \$9,936
- 4-12512 Shawinigan, Les Résidents du Domaine Cascade - \$10,922
- 4-12338 Shawinigan-Sud, Les Séniors à l'Action - \$9,036
- 4-12532 Sherbrooke, Club social de la Villa de l'Estrie - \$7,338
- 4-12761 Témiscaming, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Témiscaming - \$3,134
- 4-12467 Terrebonne, Les Amis de Lamater - \$7,548
- 4-12847 Val Bélair, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Val Bélair Inc.
- \$1,777
- 4-12939 Valleyfield, Association des locataires Havre Soleil
- \$1,400
- 4-12617 Valleyfield, Coopérative d'Habitation Le Manoir St-Eugène
- \$2,367
- 4-12970 Vassan, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Vassan - \$2,842

ONTARIO/ONTARIO

- 5-10156 Ailsa Craig, Craigholme Nursing Home Residents - \$3,909
- 5-10180 Azilda, Club Accueil Âge d'Or - \$5,823
- 5-10118 Bancroft, Bancroft Seniors Curling Club - \$18,935
- 5-10056 Bancroft, R.J. Brooks Club - \$5,235

5-10205 Blenheim, Blenheim Community Village Residents - \$7,791
5-10210 Brantford, 397 Retirees - \$7,927
5-10197 Bruce Mines, The Copper Bay Seniors - \$7,720
5-10213 Clavering, Clavering United Church Historians - \$2,892
5-09682 Coe Hill, Rainbow Club - \$17,789
5-10212 Collingwood, Heritage Seniors' Centre Group - \$4,797
5-10141 Concord, The Giuseppe Garibaldi Seniors Club - \$13,173
5-10129 Exeter, Usborne Historians - \$14,150
5-09516 Gloucester, The Gloucester Songsters - \$12,596
5-10132 Guelph, Delcour Club - \$2,776
5-09354 Hawkesbury, Club de l'Âge d'Or - 50 de Hawkesbury
- \$17,496
5-10172 Kincardine, Merry Kin Club - \$2,261
5-10072 Kingston, Le Club de l'Âge de l'Avenir - \$8,995
5-10174 London, Central Park Seniors - \$8,346
5-10209 London, Financial Wizards - \$8,018
5-10143 London, Golden Horizons - \$4,275
5-10171 Lowville, Close'n Over 60 Club of St. George's - \$6,039
5-09684 Metcalfe, Club 55 - Metcalfe - \$6,470
5-10164 Milton, Halton Centennial Manor Residents' Council
- \$4,742
5-10133 Mississauga, Cawthra Biased Bowls Club - \$1,629
5-10193 Mississauga, Malton Italian Seniors - \$5,526
5-10183 Mississauga, Our Happy Gang - \$4,082
5-10105 Mississauga, Village Social Club - Sampaguita Senior
Citizens Club - \$11,632

5-09992 Nepean, Thorncliffe Resident's Association - \$5,007
5-10179 North Bay, Club 665 Tenants' Association - \$6,179
5-10153 North Bay, Gloria Gardens Senior Citizens Club - \$1,525
5-10145 North Bay, Golden Age Towers Tenants' Association
- \$3,326
5-09802 Ottawa, Canadian Seniors for Social Responsibility
- \$47,436
5-09663 Ottawa, Les aînés d'Ottawa-Carleton - \$20,122
5-09840 Ottawa, New Avenues Committee of the South-East Ottawa
Senior Community Services Inc. - \$33,082
5-09735 Ottawa, Seniors Orientation Program Committee - \$51,484
5-10126 Penetanguishene, Club 50 et plus - \$22,287
5-10211 St. Catharines, Probus Club of St. Catharines - \$5,809
5-10200 St. Thomas, Keenagers - \$6,180
5-09647 St-Eugène, Dîner communautaire pour aînés de St-Eugène
- \$3,315
5-09727 St-Pascal-Baylon, La popote roulante du Canton de
Clarence - \$7,799
5-10066 Ste-Anne-de-Prescott, Comité dîners communautaires pour
aînés de Ste-Anne-de-Prescott - \$3,250
5-10167 Sarnia, Sarnia Seniors Service Group - \$7,960
5-10206 Sarnia, The Salvation Army "Over 60 Club" - \$6,228
5-10191 Sault Ste. Marie, Seniors Evergreen Club - \$10,201
5-10207 Stoney Creek, Cheyne Golden Friendly Club - \$4,012
5-10170 Stroud, Alcona Seniors Club - \$6,999
5-10181 Sturgeon Falls, Club de l'île Villa Aubin - \$3,030
5-10154 Sudbury, The Westmount Sunset Club - \$4,968
5-09905 Thunder Bay, 55 Plus Current River Seniors - \$6,617

5-09882 Thunder Bay, New Horizons Ezyduzit Senior Curling League
- \$7,776

5-09897 Thunder Bay, The Heritage Seniors' Club - \$5,760

5-10199 Watford, Grey Power - \$4,721

5-10134 Whitby, 850 Green Street Residents Association - \$2,766

5-10168 Windsor, The Pace Setters - \$5,779

5-10166 Windsor, Unicom Senior Resource Centre - \$8,240

MANITOBA/MANITOBA

6-01669 Brandon, Victoria Seniors' Association Inc. - \$11,774

6-01678 Camperville, Camperville Seniors - \$10,000

6-01665 Faulkner, Faulkner Congregate Meal Committee - \$6,127

6-01685 Hamiota, Hamiota Seniors Council Inc. - \$3,493

6-01676 Minnedosa, Merry Hearts Seniors Choir - \$533

6-01643 Piney, The Merry Eatery (Piney) - \$5,540

6-01563 Winnipeg, Holy Family Nursing Home New Horizons Group
- \$6,585

6-01680 Winnipeg, Schools' Committee of Creative Retirement
Manitoba - \$18,000

SASKATCHEWAN/SASKATCHEWAN

7-02917 Conquest, Conquest Activity Group - \$3,000

7-02916 Herbert, Herbert New Horizons Group - \$15,000

7-02921 Ituna, Ituna Social Club - \$3,580

7-02913 Leader, Western Senior Citizens Resident Council
- \$2,097

7-02919 Maple Creek, Sun Glo Court Tenants Association - \$1,500
7-02878 Moose Jaw, Capilano Court Residents Group - \$1,693
7-02876 Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw and District Senior Citizens
Association Inc. - \$35,000
7-02920 Moose Jaw, Wa Wa Shrine Oriental Band - \$4,500
7-02922 Redvers, Redvers Centennial Haven Resident Council - \$965
7-02924 Regina, Saskatchewan War Brides Association - \$10,900
7-02918 Smiley, Smiley Seniors Inc. - \$1,905
7-02897 Wawota, Deer View Lodge Residents' Council - \$3,599

ALBERTA/ALBERTA

8-02283 Alliance, Old Timers Acreage Committee - \$5,360
8-02295 Calgary, Bowmont Senior Assistance Association - \$1,477
8-02293 Calgary, Committee on Alcohol Abuse Prevention by Seniors
- \$40,776
8-02275 Calgary, Family Leisure Centre Seniors' Club - \$3,442
8-02279 Calgary, Huntington Pionners - \$3,600
8-02274 Calgary, Seniors Focussed on Wellness - \$5,187
8-02276 Claresholm, Porcupine Go-Getters Club - \$5,656
8-02281 Claresholm, Willow Creek Historical Association - \$1,500
8-02286 Edmonton, Cosmo Seniors - \$5,835
8-02271 Lethbridge, Waterton Village Homeowners Association
- \$3,554
8-02273 Milk River, Milk River and District Senior Citizens
Society - \$4,692
8-02290 Wetaskiwin, Wetaskiwin District Museum Helping Hands
- \$4,058

BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

- 9-03897 Abbotsford, Abbotsford Senior Health Awareness Group
- \$28,566
- 9-03896 Coquitlam, Dogwood Pavilion Roses and Recreation Group
- \$8,584
- 9-03893 Cranbrook, Cranbrook Seniors Caregivers Network - \$29,642
- 9-03894 Delta, Kennedy House Kitchen Committee - \$27,444
- 9-03837 Fulford, O.A.P.O. #170 - Fulford - \$5,670
- 9-03889 Ganges, Greenwoods New Horizons Committee - \$8,358
- 9-03844 Greenwood, Greenwood Senior Citizens' Association #99
- \$7,639
- 9-03846 Kelowna, Central Okanagan Seniors' Slowpitch League
- \$6,675
- 9-03900 Langley, Langley Senior Resource Centre Association
- \$35,358
- 9-03840 Merritt, Nicola Native New Horizons Group - \$6,027
- 9-03901 Mission, Lifetime Learning Centre Society - \$24,794
- 9-03883 Nanaimo, Buttertubs Seniors Social Club - \$4,206
- 9-03885 New Hazelton, Golden Year's Volunteers - \$24,101
- 9-03882 North Vancouver, North Vancouver Horseshoe Club - \$15,000
- 9-03892 Richmond, Richmond Chinese Seniors Group - \$29,208
- 9-03888 Salmo, Salmo Senior Contact Board - \$10,494
- 9-03895 Sechelt, Suncoast Emergency Communications Team For
Seniors - \$4,156
- 9-03886 Sidney, Sidney Silver Threads Kitchen Committee - \$10,508
- 9-03890 Surrey, 804 (Semiahmoo) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force
Association - \$2,629

9-03899 Vancouver, Icelandic Care Home Residents' Council
- \$4,491

9-03887 Vancouver, Over 40 Club of B.C. - \$3,000

9-03898 Vancouver, Pacific Rim Seniors' Society - \$10,346

9-03850 Vancouver, The Brock House Writers - \$2,000

9-03838 Vancouver, Whiting Court Social Club - \$4,036

9-03891 Vernon, Vernon Seniors Backyard Band - \$3,799

9-03842 Williams Lake, Cariboo Senior Carollers - \$2,750

YUKON/YUKON

10-00016 Whitehorse, Line of Life Association of the Yukon
- \$14,222

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES/TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

11-00034 Yellowknife, N.W.T. Seniors Society - \$8,150

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1990-88
November 22, 1990

\$750,000 FOR NINE COMMUNITY HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced funding of \$750,000 in support of nine community health research projects.

The Community Research awards were granted to conduct research on community-based health issues related to the independence of seniors in Canada. The awards are offered under the Seniors Independence Research Program of the National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP). Applications for funding under this program were reviewed by a panel of experts in community-based health research on senior's independence issues.

"The federal government is very committed to health and medical research in this country," Mr. Beatty said. "Through a variety of instruments, including in this case the National Health Research and Development Program, the federal government provides funding to health researchers throughout Canada to enable them to find solutions to our health problems."

Examples of the type of research to be carried out by the award recipients include: a study of the relationships among pain, disability and osteoporosis; the establishment of standards for nutritional and food quality provided by Meals on Wheels; an investigation of qualities of health programs, recreation programs and programming aspects of housing for seniors; and the role of the Victorian Order of Nurses in maintaining the autonomy and independence of seniors in the community.

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The NHRDP is one of numerous federal government sponsors of health and medical research in Canada. Other funding instruments include the Medical Research Council and the Networks of Centres of Excellence Program.

A list of award recipients is attached.

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RECIPIENTS OF COMMUNITY RESEARCHER AWARDS

Victorian Order of Nurses Canada National Office 5 Blackburn Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8A2 (613) 749-7557	\$106,250
Victorian Order of Nurses 7211 - 96 A Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6B 1B5 (403) 466-0293	\$81,810
Dalhousie Health and Community Services 755 Somerset Street West Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6R1 (613) 564-1188	\$41,350
McGill Centre for Studies in Age and Aging Montreal General Hospital Suite 1739 1650 Cedar Avenue West Montreal, Quebec H3G 1A4 (514) 934-8015	\$106,260
Department of Community Health Montreal General Hospital Suite 300A 980 Guy Street Montreal, Quebec H3H 2K3 (514) 932-3055	\$106,250
Hôpital d'Youville 1036 Belvedere Street South Sherbrooke, Quebec J1H 4C4 (819) 821-5100	\$106,250
St. Joseph's Health Centre 268 Grosvenor Street London, Ontario N6A 4V2 (519) 439-3271	\$74,738
Vancouver Health Unit 1060 West Eight Avenue Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 1C4 (604) 736-2033	\$47,124
Meals on Wheels of Ontario Incorporated 234 Eglinton Avenue East Suite 505 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1K5 (416) 489-2195	\$106,250

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November 29, 1990

CANADA\IRELAND SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT SIGNED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Dr. Michael Wood, Minister for Social Welfare of Ireland today signed a Reciprocal Agreement on Social Security between their two countries.

This agreement will coordinate the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with comparable Irish social security programs which provide old age, invalidity and survivor's benefits.

Both Canada and Ireland have minimum residence and/or contributory conditions for individuals to qualify for benefits. Under the terms of the Agreement, persons who reside, or have resided in Canada and in Ireland, will be able to combine periods of residence and/or contributions in both countries in order to satisfy minimum eligibility conditions for benefits from one or both countries. In this way, persons will now be assured social security protection.

Once eligibility is established, the Agreement provides a means of calculating the amount of benefit to be paid by each country in accordance with its own legislation. The amount of benefit payable is determined on the basis of the periods of residence or contributions credited to the individual in each country.



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This agreement comes into force as soon as both countries have completed the ratification procedures required by their respective laws. Similar agreements have been concluded with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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INCREASES ANNOUNCED IN CANADA PENSION PLAN BENEFITS

OTTAWA - Over 2.5 million Canada Pension Plan recipients will have their benefits increased effective January 1, 1991, the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today. The annual adjustment, which this year is 4.8 per cent, is based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

The Minister also announced increases for people who become eligible for Canada Pension Plan benefits in 1991. Here, too, rates are increased each year to keep the benefits in line with general increases in salaries and wages.

For those who become eligible for benefits in 1991 the maximum monthly retirement pension at age 65 will be \$604.86. A contributor can begin receiving a retirement pension as early as age 60. The amount will be reduced for pensions beginning before age 65 and will be increased for those beginning after age 65.

The maximum amount for a person becoming eligible for a disability pension in 1991 will be \$743.64 per month while benefits for disabled contributors' children and orphans of deceased contributors will be \$113.14 per month per child. Maximum benefits paid on behalf of contributors who die in 1991 will be \$339.96 for surviving spouses under age 65 and \$362.92 for surviving spouses aged 65 and over. Survivor benefits are no longer discontinued on remarriage. Those whose benefits were discontinued on remarriage can apply to have their benefits reinstated.

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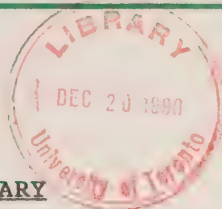
There is also a lump sum death benefit payable under the Canada Pension Plan; the maximum payable in respect of contributors who die in 1991 will be \$3,050.

Canada Pension Plan benefits are based on a person's actual earnings and contributions for the period during which that person could have contributed to the Plan. There are yearly minimum and maximum earnings levels between which persons contribute. For 1991 these levels are \$3,000 and \$30,500 respectively. The maximum contributions are \$632.50 for employees during 1991.

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PENSIONERS TO RECEIVE MORE IN JANUARY

OTTAWA - Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will go up in January, the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today.

Effective January 1991, the maximum Old Age Security pension will be increased to \$354.92 monthly from the present \$351.41.

The maximum monthly supplement (GIS) for single, low-income pensioners will go up to \$421.79 from \$417.61. The maximum for low-income married people will rise to \$274.73 from \$272.01 for each spouse.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance -- paid to needy people between 60 and 64 who are married to GIS recipients -- will increase to \$629.65 from \$623.42. The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance will rise to \$695.14 a month from \$688.26.

All of these benefits are fully indexed every three months based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

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1990-93
December 12, 1990

INCREASES IN FAMILY ALLOWANCES

OTTAWA - Family Allowances, paid to some 3.7 million Canadian families on behalf of 6.7 million children, will increase in the new year.

The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced today that effective January, 1991, the federal government's Family Allowances, paid monthly for children under age 18, will rise to \$33.93 from \$33.33 in most provinces and in the territories. The adjustment is based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure, in excess of three per cent.

Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to vary the rates payable in that province according to the age or number of children in a family, or both, providing that the average monthly payment in that province equals the federal rate. This option has been chosen by Alberta and Quebec.

The refundable Child Tax Credit for the 1990 taxation year will provide up to \$575 per child based on family income. Also, parents who qualify can claim an additional \$203 on their return for each child age six and under for whom no child care expenses were claimed.

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1990-94
December 19, 1990



163 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE \$ 1,261,090

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Employment and Immigration and Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 163 projects have been approved for funding under New Horizons for a total of \$1,261,090. These projects will involve 22,688 participants.

The Brantford (Ontario) Living Younger Committee, will receive a \$24,200 contribution to initiate a wellness program. Participants will be trained in the areas of nutrition, fitness, health care, relaxation and stress management. The aim is to encourage seniors to become responsible for their health and lifestyles.

With a \$16,180 contribution, the Fifty Plus Club of Montague, Prince Edward Island, will establish a drop-in centre for older adults. The centre will promote a healthy and active lifestyle for seniors through recreational, social, educational and service-oriented activities. Seniors who are disabled, living alone or in isolated areas will benefit from a transportation service.

The Popote roulante Carrefour du Partage, of Valleyfield, Quebec, will organize, with its contribution of \$15,723, a home-delivered meal service for seniors of this community.

The Preston Senior Residents of Saskatoon, will set up a volunteer program for the 82 residents of their special care home and for non-resident seniors as well. Various activities, such as meals on wheels, educational and social programs, friendly visiting and a monthly newsletter, will increase communications and interaction among residents and non-residents.

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The Learning Plus group of Abbotsford, British Columbia, will use its \$30,097 contribution to deliver educational and self-help lectures to 1,000 participants with the assistance of 300 volunteers. The goal is to have seniors set up new organizations to further their goals and interests.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00813 Clarke's Beach, Band of Love - \$4,646
- 0-00819 Clarke's Beach, Golden Agers - \$17,768
- 0-00817 Meadows, Golden Meadow Senior Citizens 60 Plus Club
- \$5,359
- 0-00811 Port Rexton, Port Rexton Area Retired Peoples Club
- \$8,943
- 0-00814 Port au Port, Port au Port West Leisure Association
- \$5,135
- 0-00807 St. John's, 50 Plus Happy Hoofers Tap Dance Club - \$8,985
- 0-00815 St. John's, The Golden Sheas - \$9,953
- 0-00816 Winter Brook, Hilltop Senior Citizens Club - \$8,186

Prince Edward Island/Île-du-Prince-Édouard

- 1-00377 Abrams Village, Club 50 - Egmont Bay - \$5,022
- 1-00378 Charlottetown, Andrews Residence Seniors - \$1,012
- 1-00376 Charlottetown, Friendly Crescent Club - \$1,335
- 1-00380 Ellerslie, Ellerslie Friendly Senior Citizens Club
- \$3,650
- 1-00381 Montague, Fifty Plus Club - \$16,180
- 1-00379 O'Leary, O'Leary Sunshine Senior Citizens Club - \$3,158

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01474 Halifax, HMCS Iroquois Veterans - \$2,987
- 2-01470 Port Saxon, Leisure Hour Club Inc. - \$13,500

2-01473 Westville, North Nova Branch Federal Superannuates
National Association - \$4,300

2-01443 Westville, Westville Heritage Bowlers - \$1,625

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

3-01377 Cap Pelé, Club de Quilles Senior de Cap Pelé - \$3,861

3-01367 Douglastown, Budding Artists - \$1,550

3-01405 Hartland, Simonds Women's Institute Group - \$7,030

3-01324 Kedgwick, Le Club Amical Âge d'Or de Kedgwick - \$5,445

3-01403 Moncton, Moncton Lions Senior Citizens - \$3,000

3-01412 Renous, Renous Area Senior Citizens Group - \$1,100

3-01414 Riverview, Albert-Westmorland Senior Bowlers - \$4,935

3-01400 Saint John, Lancaster Seniors (Men's) Bowling League
- \$3,500

Quebec/Québec

4-13010 Chapais, Les Résidents de Maison Héritage - \$1,493

4-13056 Chibougamau, Club de l'Âge d'Or "Les Intrépides de
Chibougamau" - \$8,974

4-12314 Cookshire, Club Âge d'Or de Cookshire Inc. - \$4,425

4-12840 Entrelacs, Club de l'Âge d'Or d'Entrelacs Inc. - \$4,787

4-12894 Granby, Les Étoiles de la Résidence du Boulevard - \$4,224

4-12990 Granby, Les Modélistes Ferroviaires de Granby - \$2,449

4-12575 Iberville, Club de l'Âge d'Or d'Iberville - \$7,087

4-12732 Lac Bouchette, Comité de Loisirs
"Résidence du Lac Junelé" - \$4,451

- 4-12969 Landrienne, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Landrienne - \$4,205
- 4-12749 Laval, Club Âge d'Or Bon Pasteur - \$5,799
- 4-12956 Laval, Club Âge d'Or St-Gilles - \$7,750
- 4-13003 Laval, Les Glorieux du 400 - \$4,999
- 4-12897 (Fabreville) Laval, Les Résidents de la Famille Chez-Moi
- \$1,400
- 4-12781 Lavernière, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Lavernière - \$21,966
- 4-12538 Mont St-Hilaire, Les Résidents de la Villa
Mont St-Hilaire - \$2,927
- 4-12982 Montréal, Association des Personnes Âgées Vietnamiennes
- \$5,891
- 4-12913 Montreal, Canadian Association of People Helping People
from Philippines - \$2,717
- 4-12983 Montréal, Jardin Communautaire Père-Marquette - \$3,554
- 4-12927 Montréal, Le groupe Art et Communication de la
Résidence Berthiaume du Tremblay - \$4,450
- 4-12793 Montréal, Les Amis de la Santé - \$3,558
- 4-12629 Montréal, Projet Changement Inc., Services aux
personnes âgées - \$7,372
- 4-12954 Montreal, United Philipino Seniors of Quebec - \$6,125
- 4-12705 Montréal-Nord, Comité des résidents de l'hôpital Ste-Rita
- \$3,068
- 4-12890 Pierrefonds, Le Groupe des Artisans - \$2,123
- 4-12753 Princeville, Loisirs du Pavillon d'Antan - \$4,795
- 4-12722 Richelieu, Les Locataires de la maison Laurent Grenier
- \$1,440
- 4-13043 Rouyn-Noranda, Association des Retraités de
l'enseignement du Québec "Secteur Rouyn-Noranda" - \$5,767
- 4-12828 Sabrevois, La Coopérative d'habitation de Sabrevois
- \$2,753

- 4-12430 St-Antoine de Tilly, Les Aînés du Quai d'accueil - \$1,801
- 4-12591 St-Bernard-de-Lacolle, Les Bénéficiaires de la
Résidence Florence Groulx Inc. - \$3,190
- 4-12731 St-Eugène, Club de l'Âge d'Or Harmonie - \$4,246
- 4-12885 St-François-Xavier-de-Viger, Club de l'Âge d'Or de
St-François-Xavier-de-Viger - \$4,296
- 4-12527 St-Léonard d'Aston, Les Résidents du Centre l'Assomption
- \$4,061
- 4-12711 St-Ludger-de-Milot, Les Gerbes d'Or - \$4,305
- 4-12778 St-Martin, Les Rassembleurs - \$8,374
- 4-13009 St-Nicolas, Le Groupe des Résidents "Le Voilier" - \$2,312
- 4-12865 St-Pascal, Club Âge d'Or "Anneau d'Or" - \$18,669
- 4-12344 St-Pierre-les-Becquets, Club de l'Âge d'Or "Bon Accueil"
- \$3,344
- 4-12807 St-Théodore-de-Chertsey, Âge d'Or "Souffle d'Amitié"
- \$6,719
- 4-12929 Valleyfield, Popote Roulante Carrefour du Partage de
Valleyfield - \$15,723
- 4-12925 Ville St-Laurent, Our Lady of Fatima 50 Plus Friendship
Club - \$5,011

Ontario/Ontario

- 5-09986 Barry's Bay, Opeongo Seniors - \$27,330
- 5-10229 Belle River, La Chaumière Activity Group - \$9,879
- 5-10241 Brantford, Brantford Living Younger Committee - \$24,200
- 5-10227 Chatham, Thamesview Lodge Recreation Club II - \$9,017
- 5-09446 Crysler, Club 60 des Bons Vivants de Crysler - \$19,720
- 5-10216 Field, Le Centre des Aînés de Field - \$3,742

5-10240 Flesherton, Wednesday Activity Group - \$2,206

5-10243 Guelph, Guelph Seniors' Centre Hot Meal Group - \$39,218

5-10214 Hamilton, Canadian Lawn Bowling Committee - \$19,444

5-10237 Hamilton, Ukrainian Canadian Seniors Club of Hamilton
- \$10,742

5-09850 Kanata, Seniors Transportation Committee - \$29,413

5-10224 Kitchener, Club 60-Plus of Beth Jacob - \$6,497

5-09819 Lakefield, Lakefield Historical Society Seniors Committee
- \$25,073

5-10230 Lucknow, West Wawanosh Township Historians - \$10,508

5-09821 Nepean, Nepean Lawn Bowls - \$29,390

5-08966 Ottawa, L'Oasis des Aînés de l'Institut Canadien-Français
d'Ottawa - \$6,538

5-10063 Ottawa, Ladies of the Day - \$2,244

5-09414 Ottawa, Les Auxiliaires de l'Hôpital Montfort - \$23,417

5-09406 Ottawa, Rideau Place Seniors Committee - \$1,717

5-10239 Owen Sound, Golden Agers - \$5,402

5-09818 Perth, Perth Lawn Bowling Club - \$5,181

5-09547 Russell, Russell Museum Seniors Group - \$23,441

5-10208 St. Catharines, St. Catharines Skating Club - \$10,080

5-10198 St. Thomas, Festival Gardens Cardinals - \$2,073

5-10228 St. Thomas, Silver Threads - \$4,385

5-10218 Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Street Snooker Club - \$6,696

5-10201 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Finnish Resthome Seniors
- \$6,077

5-10078 Silver Water, The Hilltoppers Club - \$7,746

5-10096 Stoney Creek, Phase Three Association - \$7,079

- 5-10233 Sturgeon Falls, Club Villa du Loisir - \$6,588
- 5-09907 Thunder Bay, 4 West Resident's Council - \$7,212
- 5-09911 Thunder Bay, Council on Positive Aging - \$8,010
- 5-09912 Thunder Bay, Japanese-Canadian 55 Plus Club - \$5,071
- 5-09903 Thunder Bay, Prime-Time Group - \$4,536
- 5-10238 Welland, Ukrainian Senior Citizens Club - Ivan Franco
- \$9,808
- 5-10232 Whitby, Durham Region Community Care Association
New Horizons Committee - \$21,215
- 5-10226 Windsor, Forest Glade Seniors - \$4,453
- 5-10217 Woodbridge, Friuli Centre - Gruppo D'Amicizia - \$6,307

Manitoba/Manitoba

- 6-01684 Erickson, Ladies Hospital Auxiliary - \$2,159
- 6-01654 MacGregor, MacGregor & District Get Together Club Inc.
- \$8,393
- 6-01693 Neepawa, Residents of Kinsmen Kourts - \$2,060
- 6-01611 St-Malo, Le Club de la Berceuse - \$4,118
- 6-01689 Winnipeg, La Fédération des aînés Franco-Manitobains
(F.A.F.M) - \$4,100
- 6-01675 Winnipeg, North Centennial Seniors' Association Inc.
- \$39,697

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

- 7-02901 Dorintosh, Dorintosh Pensioners & Seniors - \$4,893
- 7-02942 Edam, Edam Historical Society - \$4,860
- 7-02883 Edam, Edam New Horizons - \$3,562

7-02933 Grayson, Grayson Senior Citizens Group - \$5,108
7-02865 Kerrobert, Pensioners & Senior Citizens - \$2,174
7-02912 Lake Alma, Lake Alma Over 50 Club - \$3,500
7-02926 Loon Lake, Loon Lake Senior Citizens #48 Inc. - \$11,500
7-02939 Neudorf, Golden Sunset Club - \$3,500
7-02902 Paynton, Bresaylor History Book Committee - \$2,445
7-02938 Pense, Pense Seniors Inc. - \$5,000
7-02936 Radville, Radville Senior Citizens - \$5,500
7-02937 Regina, Senior Naturalists Group - \$2,900
7-02758 Saskatoon, Preston Senior Residents - \$7,328
7-02940 Saskatoon, Saskatoon Council on Aging - \$24,910
7-02927 Spalding, Spalding New Horizons Seniors - \$15,000

Alberta/Alberta

8-02298 Alberta Beach, A.B. Seniors New Horizons Fitness Group
- \$2,184
8-02303 Bonnyville, Club de l'Aurore des aînés - \$15,880
8-02282 Bow Island, Pleasant View Lodge Resident Committee
- \$4,460
8-02294 Calgary, Bayshore Park Senior Citizens' Society - \$6,007
8-02258 Calgary, Grace Baptist Seniors Handbell Choir - \$5,323
8-02300 Calgary, Horizon Village Lincoln Park Social Club
- \$6,405
8-02289 Calgary, Mount Royal Kiwanis Seniors Association - \$3,235
8-02292 Calgary, Ukrainian Assumption Seniors' Club - \$15,000
8-02308 Edmonton, Latin-American Senior Citizens Association
- \$8,147

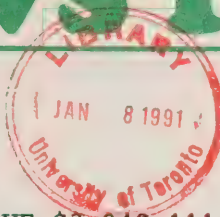
8-02307 Edmonton, Northgate Termites - \$3,067
8-02305 Glendon, Glendon and Districts Senior Citizens Club
- \$19,643
8-02287 Holden, Holden Seniors New Horizons Committee - \$1,477
8-02304 Hylo, 5 HV Club - \$13,386
8-02301 Medicine Hat, Golden Age Medicine Hat Hillbilly Band
- \$2,650
8-02299 Sherwood Park, Cloverbar Lodge Golden Age Club - \$2,792
8-02280 Spruce Grove, Golden Age Artisans - \$3,885
8-02296 Warburg, Cloverleaf Manor Residents Club - \$4,255
8-02297 Wetaskiwin, Falun School Reunion - \$3,002

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

9-03909 Abbotsford, Learning Plus - \$30,097
9-03908 Burnaby, Kingsway Senior Fellowship Group - \$4,267
9-03918 Castlegar, Congo Reminiscence Fraternity - \$2,423
9-03921 Edgewood, Edgewood History Book Committee - \$10,000
9-03906 Hope, Stalo Seniors Fitness and Entertainment Club
- \$2,166
9-03922 Kamloops, Kamloops Lawn Bowling Club - \$15,000
9-03924 Kimberley, East Kootenay Amateur Radio Club - \$3,901
9-03916 Kimberley, Rocky Mountain Bavarian Band "SCA # 14"
- \$5,020
9-03907 Pouce Coupe, Pouce Coupe Music Appreciation Group
- \$3,130
9-03915 Powell River, Free Spirit Leisure Club - \$6,037
9-03884 Qualicum Beach, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76 - \$12,000

- 9-03903 Saanichton, Saanich Peninsula Hospital Resident Council
- \$11,099
- 9-03913 Surrey, Amos Ferguson Manorites - \$3,826
- 9-03905 Vancouver, Kerrisdale Seniors Centre Carpet Bowling Group
- \$1,728
- 9-03904 Vancouver, Kopernick Lodge Resident Committee - \$1,426
- 9-03911 Vancouver, Salt and Pepper Group - \$4,659
- 9-03923 Victoria, Tillicum Lodge Resident Council - \$8,162
- 9-03912 Victoria, Victoria Silver Threads Library/Lounge Project
Committee - \$11,224
- 9-03917 White Rock, Peace Arch Senior Curlers - \$15,000

news release



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ELEVEN DAY CARE PROJECTS RECEIVE \$3,249,111 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that 11 projects will receive a total of \$3,249,111 from the Child Care Initiatives Fund.

The Native Council of Canada, in Ottawa, will receive \$907,200 to undertake a national study on Native child care needs. The study will focus on questions such as how the provincial/territorial governments would assist in the development of off-reserve Native child care centres. Hearings will be scheduled across Canada.

The Family Day Care Association of Manitoba will receive \$749,651 to evaluate and modify the province's first Family Day Care Provider Training Program. Sixty day care providers across Manitoba will take part in the testing. The Association hopes its Program will receive accreditation by the Red River Community College towards its Diploma in Early Childhood Education Program.

The Native Co-ordinating Council in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, will receive \$726,792 to establish a 24-hour child care centre to provide short-term, emergency, respite or temporary services to Native children and their parents. The program will be directed at school-age children, those from rural communities and children with special needs.

A complete list of approved projects is attached.

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CHILD CARE INITIATIVES FUND

APPROVED PROJECTS

Alberta

Summative Evaluation: "Day Care Nutrition
and Food Service Manual" \$ 70,779.
Calgary Health Services
Nutrition Division
Box 4016, Station C
CALGARY, Alberta
T2T 5T1

Tel.: (403) 228-7420

Saskatchewan

Child Crisis Centre \$726,792.
Native Co-ordinating Council
102 - 1004, 1st Avenue West
PRINCE ALBERT, Saskatchewan
S6V 4Y4

Tel.: (306) 764-1652

Rural Saskatchewan Child Care Development \$ 30,634.
Lakeland Preschool Co-operative
Box 6
CHRISTOPHER LAKE, Saskatchewan
S0J 0N0

Tel.: (306) 982-4795

Provincial Child Care Information \$159,759.
and Resource Centre
Saskatchewan Child Care Association Inc.
209-219-22nd Street East
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan
S7K 0G4

Tel.: (306) 343-0660

Manitoba

Family Day Care Provider Training Program \$159,541.
The Family Day Care Association of Manitoba
134 Whitley Drive
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R2N 1E7

Tel.: (204) 254-5437

Generic Inservice Training Project \$ 66,261.
Manitoba Child Care Association
364 McGregor Street
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R2W 4X3

Tel.: (204) 589-4318

Family Day Care Training Program - \$749,651.
Delivery Phase (Phase II)
The Family Day Care Association of Manitoba
134 Whitley Drive
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R2N 1E7

Tel.: (204) 254-5437

Ontario

National Commission on Aboriginal \$907,200.
Child Care - Phase III
Native Council of Canada
384 Bank Street, 2nd Floor
OTTAWA, Ontario
K2P 1Y4

Tel.: (613) 238-3511

Second National Child Day Care \$155,000.
Conference - 1991
Canadian Child Day Care Federation
401 - 120 Holland Avenue
OTTAWA, Ontario
K1Y 0X6

Tel.: (613) 729-5289

Newfoundland

Child-Parent Resource Centre \$194,659.
Citizen's Action Child Care Committee
P.O. Box 712
CORNER BROOK, Newfoundland
A2H 6E6

Tel.: (709) 639-1673

Fourth Bi-Annual Atlantic Children's Conference
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

\$ 28,835.

Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 8700

West Block, Confederation Building

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland

A1B 4J6

Tel.: (709) 576-3582

news release

1991-03
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NATIONAL ADOPTION STUDY FUNDED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced the funding of a national study on adoption issues.

With a contribution of \$293,830 from National Welfare Grants, the study started in the fall of 1990 and will be completed in 1992. Drs. Kerry J. Daly and Michael P. Sobol of Guelph University will head the study team.

"This study," declared Mr. Beatty, "will help increase understanding and acceptance of adoption trends, practice and issues across the country." It will provide an overview of adoption in Canada, bringing together data that are not now available. This information will enhance the development of policies and programs in the area of adoption.

Given the national scope of the study, Drs Daly and Sobol will be assisted by an expert advisory group with representatives from each province and territory. Moreover, researchers will survey adoption service providers and interview a sample of unmarried women under 25 who have faced unplanned pregnancies and adoption.

"I am very pleased," said the Honourable William C. Winegard, M.P. for Guelph-Wellington, "that Guelph University was chosen to help foster a better understanding of the needs of Canadian parents about adoption."

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Guelph University
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news release

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148 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE \$1,022,593

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Employment and Immigration and Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 148 projects have been approved for funding under New Horizons for a total of \$1,025,593. These projects will involve 16,500 participants.

The Lower Mainland Parkinson's Project Committee of Vancouver will receive \$24,406 to assess the needs and develop information workshops for support groups and caregivers of people with Parkinson's Disease. Two hundred and fifty people will take part in these workshops.

The Souris Congregate Meals Committee of Souris, Manitoba, will obtain \$5,450 to establish a meal program for seniors and persons with disabilities. Eighty people will be involved.

Les Aînés du grand Charlesbourg of Loretteville, Quebec, will get \$8,146 to set up a three-day leadership seminar. Sixty members from more than 12 organizations will take part.

L'Âge d'Or Notre-Dame-du-Portage of Rivière-du-Portage, New Brunswick, will receive \$8,852 to establish a welcoming and mutual aid service for its senior's centre. One hundred and fifty-six people will be better able to participate in the centre's activities and the community at large.

A complete list of the approved projects is attached.

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SERIES 178/SÉRIE 178

Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00818 Grand Falls, Central Division Retired Teachers'
Association - \$1,806
- 0-00820 St. Bernard's, Golden Friendship Club - \$7,837
- 0-00822 St. Paul's, Mountain View Senior Citizens Club - \$3,519

Prince Edward Island/Île-du-Prince-Édouard

- 1-00383 Charlottetown, Condominium Club - \$2,388
- 1-00382 Charlottetown, Golden Years' Club - \$1,151
- 1-00384 Summerside, Summerset Manor Residents Council - \$5,550

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01463 Arcadia, Arcadia Silver Seniors - \$4,362
- 2-01414 Canso, Shamrock Senior Citizens & Pensioners Club
- \$12,000
- 2-01478 Englishtown, North Shore Senior Citizens Group - \$2,500
- 2-01476 Kemptshore, Walton Shore Senior Citizens - \$4,903
- 2-01477 Meteghan, Étoile Sur L'Horizon Club - \$5,224
- 2-01446 Westville, Westville Heritage Ukulele Group - \$3,023

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

- 3-01382 Belmont, K.B.M. Seniors - \$2,470
- 3-01415 Blackville, Maple Leaf Seniors Citizen Club - \$2,380
- 3-01394 Cocagne, Comité historique des aînés de Cocagne - \$8,183
- 3-01410 Edmunston, Club d'Âge D'Or Notre-Dame - \$14,806
- 3-01418 Hampstead, Hampstead Parish Silver Stars - \$2,700

- 4-13053 Laval, Club Social du Manoir Laval - \$2,467
- 4-12808 Laval, Les Citoyens de la Résidence familiale Caron
- \$1,993
- 4-12867 Laval, Les Résidents de la Pension Boulay - \$1,542
- 4-12824 Laval, Les Résidents du Foyer d'Hébergement Étienne
- \$3,796
- 4-12263 Lemieux, Les Blés d'Or - \$3,939
- 4-12944 Lévis-Lauzon, Les Aînés de la Maison de Quartier
Louis-Fréchette - \$4,009
- 4-12146 Longue Pointe de Mingan, Troisième Âge - Âge d'Or
- \$4,797
- 4-12649 Longueuil, Association des Retraités de l'Enseignement
(Secteur Longueuil) - \$4,468
- 4-12693 Longueuil, Les Amis de la Résidence Beauvais - \$3,731
- 4-12964 Loretteville, Les Aînés du grand Charlesbourg - \$8,146
- 4-12766 Loretteville, Santé-Natation 1990 - \$1,490
- 4-12993 Montréal, Association des locataires de la Résidence
St-Émile - \$4,823
- 4-13047 Montréal, Le Comité des Locataires de l'Habitation Goyer
- \$2,726
- 4-12930 Plessisville, Le Groupe du 3e Âge - \$5,827
- 4-12627 Québec, Âge d'Or Sacré-Coeur de Jésus - \$1,057
- 4-12786 Québec, Club Social # 220 - \$2,980
- 4-12179 Québec, Les Marcheurs en forme - \$6,200
- 4-12838 Québec, Retraités des Appartements Ste-Angèle - \$1,945
- 4-12875 Rivière-à-Pierre, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Rivière-à-Pierre
- \$1,957
- 4-12989 St-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Le club social
"La Moisson d'Or" Inc. - \$1,621
- 4-13103 St-Ferdinand, Popote Roulante de St-Ferdinand - \$5,035

- 4-12343 St-Gilles, Le Club de l'Âge d'Or de St-Gilles - \$2,052
- 4-12979 Saint-Jérôme, Comité Sourions à la Vie de la Résidence
Maurice Matte - \$3,664
- 4-12972 Ste-Angèle-de-Laval, Comité des Résidences de l'Isle
- \$2,215
- 4-12473 Sainte-Foy, Âge d'Or St-Louis de France - \$3,200
- 4-12518 Ste-Foy, Comité des Résidents du Complexe Laudance
- \$7,907
- 4-12733 Shawinigan-Sud, Les usagers du Pavillon de loisirs des
Aînés de Shawinigan-Sud - \$8,824
- 4-12965 Sorel, Club Joie de Vivre Inc. - \$5,173
- 4-12698 Thetford Mines, Club Social Seigneurial - \$5,665
- 4-12755 Tracy, Conseil des locataires du Pavillon
Jean-Baptiste Millette - \$2,340
- 4-12339 Trois-Rivières, Les bénéficiaires des appartements
St-Sacrement - \$2,508
- 4-12225 Trois-Rivières Ouest, Âge d'Or Jean XXIII - \$6,556
- 4-12190 Yamachiche, Bénéficiaires du Foyer Ernest-Jacob Inc.
- \$2,800

Ontario/Ontario

- 5-10255 Ailsa Craig, McGillivray Township History Group - \$26,262
- 5-10262 Astorville, Nosbonsing Seniors Curling Club - \$6,068
- 5-10261 Beeton, Beeton Lawn Bowling Club - \$12,528
- 5-10250 Brampton, Snelgrove Seniors Club - \$17,334
- 5-10259 Burlington, Burlington Seniors Historical
Research Committee - \$13,714
- 5-10251 Dresden, Dresden Lawn Bowling Club - \$19,996
- 5-10260 Elmira, Woolwich (Elmira) Senior Centre Board - \$3,552

5-10081 Goodwood, Goodwood and District Seniors Club #1120
- \$2,524

5-10248 Guelph, Stone Lodgers - \$4,990

5-10111 Hearst, L'Union du Club Soleil de l'âge d'or - \$15,504

5-09910 Kenora, Sunshine Club - \$4,019

5-10249 Kitchener, Lanark Place Residents - \$8,770

5-09812 Newcastle, Wilmot Creek Community Development and
Communications Committee - \$23,525

5-09813 Newcastle, Wilmot Creek Homeowners' Association
Woodworkers Club - \$2,638

5-10253 Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Senior Curlers - \$10,577

5-09996 Orléans, Le Cercle Beauséjour - \$21,084

5-10080 Peterborough, The Royal Canadian Air Force Association
Senior Citizens Club - \$24,974

5-10252 Ridgeway, Beachcombers Senior Citizens - \$22,687

5-10258 Sauble Beach, Sauble Sandpipers Lawn Bowling Club
- \$5,374

5-10257 Stratford, Charlie's Place Club - \$2,771

5-09899 Thunder Bay, The River Rovers - \$7,073

5-10242 Tillsonburg, Double H Seniors Club - \$19,245

5-10231 Timmins, Senior Citizens Billiard Club - \$4,112

5-10215 Warren, Warren Golden Age Club d'Âge d'Or - \$7,078

5-10254 Woodslee, Resident Council Activation Committee - \$9,437

Manitoba/Manitoba

6-01697 Brandon, Princess Tenants Social Club - \$4,305

6-01663 Ethelbert, Ethelbert Senior Citizens Club - \$6,170

6-01690 Killarney, Killarney Congregate Meals for Seniors
- \$5,928

6-01683 McCreary, People Helping People Resource Council - \$5,973
6-01662 Middlebro, Middlebro Eager Beavers Seniors Club - \$10,119
6-01679 Rathwell, Rathwell Golden Age Club - \$4,558
6-01694 Souris, Souris Congregate Meals Committee - \$5,450
6-01625 Wasagaming, Riding Mountain Historical Society Inc.
- \$9,397
6-01681 Winnipeg, Dalton Seniors - \$4,835
6-01671 Winnipeg, Filipino Seniors Group of Winnipeg Inc.
- \$14,705
6-01672 Winnipeg, McClure Place Tenants Association - \$2,550
6-01658 Winnipeg, Sturgeon Creek Armchair Travellers - \$1,321
6-01638 Winnipeg, XII Manitoba Dragoon Association - \$3,646

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-02906 Debden, La Coopérative de l'Âge d'Or - \$2,789
7-02884 Jansen, Prairie Rose Historical Society - \$5,080
7-02934 Leask, Leask Happy Homesteaders - \$2,600
7-02930 Melfort, Pine Bluff School Reunion Committee - \$1,144
7-02950 Moose Jaw, Rosewood Housing Coop. Group - \$4,300
7-02944 Regina, Mekong Senior Citizen Group - \$13,765
7-02947 Regina, Seniors' University Group - \$4,500
7-02945 Saskatoon, 1941-42 SNS Reunion Committee - \$1,400
7-02911 Saskatoon, New Dimensions (Elim Tabernacle Seniors)
- \$7,997
7-02891 Saskatoon, New Horizons Lutheran Sunset Ceramics Club
- \$2,150
7-02951 Sceptre, Great Sandhills Historical Society Inc. - \$4,160
7-02885 Torquay, Over 50 Club of Torquay Inc. - \$3,135

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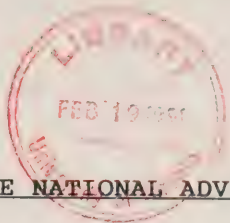
- 8-02319 Alberta Beach, Alberta Beach Seniors New Horizons Group
- \$1,645
- 8-02291 Black Diamond, Lodge Action Committee - \$3,683
- 8-02312 Bow Island, Bow Island Golden Age Club - \$9,646
- 8-02320 Calgary, Calgary Association of Immigrant Seniors
- \$15,603
- 8-02317 Calgary, Circle 60 Society - \$24,731
- 8-02309 Calgary, Multicultural Seniors Society of Alberta
- \$15,331
- 8-02306 Calgary, Wah Ying Residents' Social Club - \$5,940
- 8-02311 Edmonton, Chinese Pioneer Association - \$13,570
- 8-02302 Edmonton, Millennium Pavilion Resident Council - \$8,089
- 8-02321 Edmonton, Seniors For Library Outreach - \$8,682
- 8-02313 Irricana, Pioneer Acres Womens World Museum - \$5,350
- 8-02315 Lethbridge, Terrace "605" Social Club - \$4,850
- 8-02316 Medicine Hat, Medicine Hat Writers Club - \$4,997
- 8-02310 Red Deer, Presbyter's Book Committee - \$2,211
- 8-02314 Wanham, Birch Hills Senior Centre - \$6,974

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

- 9-03936 Burnaby, Bonsor Seniors Society - Health Alert - \$11,755
- 9-03914 Chilliwack, Senior Adults Living Triumphantly "SALT"
Group - \$5,060
- 9-03902 Ganges, Salt Spring History Group - \$5,500
- 9-03931 Kimberley, The Little Rascals - \$4,286
- 9-03937 Peachland, Senior Peer Counselling of B.C. - \$28,000

- 9-03927 Prince George, British Columbia Old Time Fiddlers' Association - \$7,163
- 9-03930 Princeton, Princeton Hospital Auxiliary Building Committee - \$10,000
- 9-03933 Telkwa, Telkwa and District Seniors - \$17,894
- 9-03935 Vancouver, Central & Alexander Residences' Activity Society - \$8,386
- 9-03928 Vancouver, Lower Mainland Parkinson's Project Committee - \$24,406
- 9-03926 Vancouver, Senior in Action Committee - \$9,050
- 9-03929 Vancouver, Seniors Aging Actively - \$20,804
- 9-03934 Victoria, Canadiana Costume Museum & Archives Society - \$6,421

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1991-09
February 13, 1991

APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIDS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced today the appointment of Dr. Alix Adrien, David Newhouse and Elaine Woloschuk to the National Advisory Committee on AIDS (NAC-AIDS).

In announcing the appointments, Mr. Beatty stated that NAC-AIDS is important in the development of guidelines and policies that affect all partners in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS. "In an epidemic such as AIDS, it is vital that the expertise of the individuals that make up the Committee accurately reflect the dimensions of this disease", said Mr. Beatty. "The expertise that these members bring will complement the existing NAC-AIDS members' knowledge."

Dr. Alix Adrien is an epidemiologist/physician at the Center for AIDS Studies at the Montreal General Hospital and is actively involved with the Canadian Haitian population both in Canada and internationally. Dr. Adrien is widely published in the field of HIV/AIDS, and is a member of the College of Family Physicians and the Canadian Public Health Association.

David Newhouse is currently the Chair of the Joint National Committee on Aboriginal AIDS Education and Prevention (JNC) which recently submitted its report to Health and Welfare Canada. As well he serves as Treasurer of the Peterborough AIDS Resource Network and is an active member of the Ontario Native Friendship Centre. Mr. Newhouse is a professor at Trent University.

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Elaine Woloschuk is presently a teacher with the Windsor Roman Catholic Separate School Board. She is the past president of the Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) and last year was the chairperson for the CHS Women and AIDS Workshop. Ms. Woloschuk is a member of a number of committees including blood products and catastrophe rights.

NAC-AIDS was established in 1983 to provide scientific advice to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The mandate of the Committee was recently expanded to include advice on psycho-social issues and the legal and ethical aspects of HIV/AIDS.

The Committee has seventeen members from every region of Canada. The background and expertise range from physicians, scientists, academics, researchers, epidemiologists, front line community workers and persons living with AIDS. A list of NAC-AIDS members is attached.

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIDS (NAC-AIDS)

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Dr. Alix Adrien	Montreal, Quebec
Dr. Leslie Degner	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dr. Mary Fanning	Toronto, Ontario
Dr. Rod Fraser	Kingston, Ontario
Mr. Don Gagné	Vancouver, British Columbia
Dr. Catherine Hankins	Montreal, Quebec
Mr. David Newhouse	Peterborough, Ontario
Dr. Stanley Read	Toronto, Ontario
Dr. Martin Schechter	Vancouver, British Columbia
Dr. Walter Schlech	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Dr. Margaret Somerville	Montreal, Quebec
Dr. Mark Wainberg	Montreal, Quebec
Dr. David Walters	Ottawa, Ontario
Ms. Elaine Woloschuk	Windsor, Ontario
Mr. Arthur Wood	Toronto, Ontario
Mr. Peter Wood	St. John's, Newfoundland

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February 18, 1991

ALMOST \$400,000 FOR THREE AIDS EDUCATION PROJECTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced funding of almost \$400,000 to three organizations, to support the federal government's continuing commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The Canadian Nurses Association will receive \$200,000 to establish an AIDS Steering Committee which will prepare educational modules on the care of HIV/AIDS infected individuals in a variety of settings.

The AIDS Committee of Ottawa will receive \$150,000 to educate women of both official languages about AIDS and sexual assertiveness in the face of existing violence against women.

The Indian and Inuit Nurses Association of Canada will receive \$38,282 to develop fact sheets and posters dealing with women and AIDS in Canada's aboriginal communities.

"Support and funding for national associations and community groups is an integral part of the partnership approach the federal government has been encouraging since the National AIDS Strategy was unveiled last summer", said Mr. Beatty. "Working together, we will make significant progress in the battle against the spread of HIV/AIDS."

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Funding for the Canadian Nurses Association is provided through the Federal Centre for AIDS. Funding for the AIDS Committee of Ottawa and the Indian and Inuit Nurses Association of Canada is provided through the AIDS Community Action Program of the Health Promotion Fund.

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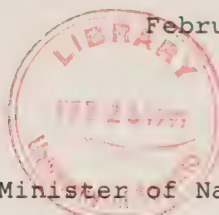
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February 20, 1991



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTS ON CHILD ABUSE

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced federal activities to be undertaken under the new Family Violence Initiative which will continue to work towards the elimination of child abuse in Canada.

The activities ensure the continuity of the 1986 Child Sexual Abuse Initiative which ends this March. Programs and projects will be implemented to continue efforts to increase public awareness of the problem, encourage effective prevention efforts, improve the skills and knowledge of professional and voluntary sector personnel, enhance information exchange and coordination through the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence, and, improve treatment and support for victims of child abuse, their families, and for offenders as well.

"Having particular responsibilities for children, I am determined to continue our efforts to solve this problem," said Mr. Beatty. "The abuse of children simply cannot be tolerated. Child abuse is a crime. It can be fatal. Its effects last a lifetime. Together all Canadians must find ways to end it. Every individual must accept that they have the power to do so."

The federal government will be working in partnership with the provinces and territories, community groups, professional associations and non-government organizations to ensure that Canadian children do not continue to be subjected to this abuse.

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In making the announcement, Mr. Beatty paid special tribute to the front-line workers who daily, encounter and treat young victims of child abuse. The media and voluntary sectors have also been vital to the effort of raising public awareness of the problem. He added: "I am grateful to individual Canadians who have worked so hard on the issue. I especially acknowledge the Committee chaired by Dr. Robin Badgley, and my Special Advisor, Mr. Rix Rogers for identifying the extent of the problem and its possible solutions."

Mr. Rogers's recent report, Reaching for Solutions, contains 74 recommendations directed to governments and community groups on how to deal with child sexual abuse. Mr. Beatty noted that the federal government will act on elements of over 90% of the recommendations which fall within federal jurisdiction (response attached).

"Present-day Canadians will be judged on the legacy we leave our children. We must be sure that they can grow up protected and secure so that they too can leave a loving society as a legacy to their children. This federal Initiative takes us one step further towards an abuse-free legacy," the Minister concluded.

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February 27, 1991

CANADA PENSION PLAN ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today tabled a report of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Advisory Board in the House of Commons.

The report, entitled The Level of Pension Awareness in Canada, makes thirteen recommendations, based on surveys conducted during the past five years, for improving Canadians' poor knowledge of Canada Pension Plan provisions and of the Canadian retirement system in general.

Mr. Beatty said, "One of the Advisory Board recommendations is to focus as much attention as possible on the Canada Pension Plan during its 25th anniversary in 1991. My department is planning a number of commemorative activities to raise public awareness of the Plan, as the report suggests."

Copies of the report are available by writing to the CPP Advisory Board Secretariat, 8th Floor, Tower B, Place Vanier, 355 River Road, Vanier, Ontario K1A 0L1, or by telephoning (613) 957-1634.

The CPP Advisory Board, which reports directly to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, is a statutory body whose members are appointed to represent employees, employers, self-employed persons and the public.

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CREATION OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced the creation of the National Advisory Council on Pharmaceutical Research and the appointment of its members.

The Council will provide advice to the Minister of National Health and Welfare on policies for pharmaceutical research in Canada, especially initiatives for the funding of research and development subsequent to changes in patent protection for drugs.

"The composition of the National Advisory Council on Pharmaceutical Research reflects many of the best and brightest medical and research scientists, industry representatives and health economists," said Mr. Beatty. "I look forward to receiving their advice on policies and initiatives concerning drug research in Canada."

The Council, which held its first meeting on February 28, is comprised of 11 members. It is chaired by Dr. René Simard, the Vice Rector of research and teaching at the Université de Montréal. The Council will meet three times and will provide a preliminary report with recommendations to the Minister within the year. A list of the members is attached.

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

CONSEIL CONSULTATIF NATIONAL SUR LA RECHERCHE PHARMACEUTIQUE

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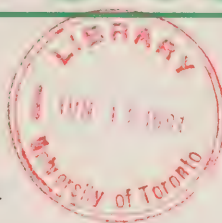
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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FELLOWSHIPS

OTTAWA - Details of the annual World Health Organization (WHO) competition for fellowships for Canadian citizens wishing to undertake short-term studies abroad were announced today by Health and Welfare Canada.

Some 10 to 15 fellowships, up to a maximum of \$5,000 each, are expected to be approved this year.

Health personnel eligible to apply include those in medical, paramedical and health related fields, including veterinarians and veterinary assistants, dentists and dental auxiliaries, engineers in the field of sanitary science, laboratory technologists, nutritionists and rehabilitation specialists, as well as teachers and administrators in all these fields.

Persons engaged in pure research as well as undergraduate and graduate university students, are not eligible to apply for WHO fellowships.

Applicants for WHO fellowships will be rated by a Canadian Selection Committee on the basis of education, experience, proposed area of study, field of activity and the intended use of their newly acquired knowledge. The final decision regarding the awarding of a fellowship rests with the World Health Organization.

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Applications must be received before June 30, 1991.

Additional information and application forms can be obtained by writing :

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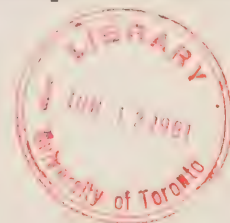
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MINISTER ANNOUNCES GREAT LAKES BASIN ANGLERS SURVEY

OTTAWA - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced a multi-year, multi-phase study, as part of the government's continuing efforts to determine if there are any measurable health effects which may be associated with the presence of contaminants in the Great Lakes.

Given the public and scientific interest regarding the potential health effects that may result from exposure to the many contaminants known to be present in the Great Lakes, Health and Welfare Canada will conduct a number of studies involving residents of the basin area. One of these, the Great Lakes Health Basin Anglers Survey, is intended for anglers and hunters and is part of the Great Lakes Health Effects Program announced by Mr. Beatty in October 1989.

The Anglers survey will collect fish consumption data and a brief medical history on approximately 50,000 Ontario Resident Seasonal Sport Fishing Licence holders and their families. This will help identify groups which vary in their consumption of fish caught in the Great Lakes. Some of the families identified in the survey will be asked to participate in subsequent studies of specific health effects.



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A preliminary study of approximately 1,000 licence holders, to test the methodology, will begin later this month. The main survey is expected to start in the fall of 1991.

The results of the main survey will be used to investigate the potential relationships between human exposure to contaminants found in Great Lakes fish and the risk of a variety of adverse health effects such as low birth weight and developmental abnormalities in children, reproductive health in adults, and changes in human immune systems.

The Great Lakes Health Effects Program was announced in October 1989 as part of an earlier agreement between Canada and the United States to clean up the waters in the Great Lakes Basin. As part of its objectives, the Program incorporates studies of health implications of contaminants in the Great Lakes area. This includes research on such concerns as birth defects, cancer, childhood development and respiratory health.

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OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN APRIL

OTTAWA - Federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will go up in April in line with the cost of living, the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today.

The Old Age Security pension (OAS), paid to people 65 and older, will rise to \$362.37 (from \$354.92) a month.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$430.65 (from \$421.79) for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will increase to \$280.50 (from \$274.73) for each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA)-- paid to low-income people between 60 and 64 who are married to GIS recipients -- will increase to \$642.87 (from \$629.65).

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The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will increase to \$709.73 (from \$695.14).

The benefit amounts for GIS, SPA and WSPA vary according to the recipient's income during the previous year. Applications for the GIS, SPA and WSPA must therefore be resubmitted each year. These must be returned by March 31 to avoid any interruption in benefits.

If applications are received and approved after the end of March, benefits will be paid after the applications have been processed. Payment will be retroactive to April.

All of these benefits are adjusted every three months based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

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AIDS IN THE WORKPLACE PROJECT LAUNCHED

TORONTO - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today launched Canada's first comprehensive AIDS in the Workplace project.

"ACT NOW: Managing HIV and AIDS in the Canadian Workplace" is a program developed to help employers manage issues relating to HIV/AIDS in the workplace and develop and deliver education programs for employees.

In a speech to the Canadian Club, Mr. Beatty appealed to the business community to look to the future and to prepare their workforce with facts about HIV/AIDS and how it affects their workplace. "Experience shows that AIDS/HIV has the potential to strain insurance and disability programs, affect the workforce and cause major increases in health costs," said Mr. Beatty. "Persons with AIDS or HIV infection are entitled to the same rights, benefits and opportunities as employees with other chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Canadian business leaders must become informed."

The workplace program consists of a guide for managers, and a manual and brochure for employee education. The package, developed by the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS), was funded by Health and Welfare Canada and a number of leading Canadian business organizations, including The Life and Health Insurance Companies in Canada and Levi Strauss & Co. (Canada) Inc.



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The Minister also announced the awarding of \$244,272 to CAS to implement the next stage of the project which will enable national and regional coordinators to assist businesses in integrating AIDS education into their work setting. CAS was a major partner in the development of the National AIDS Strategy announced by the Minister last summer.

By implementing the AIDS in the Workplace program, the Canadian business community will become a valuable partner in stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS. In Canada, close to 5,000 people have been diagnosed with AIDS. Researchers estimate the number of people infected with HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS, is higher - perhaps as high as 50,000.

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CANADA AND MALTA SIGN SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

TORONTO - The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and the Maltese Minister for Social Policy, Dr. Louis Galea, today signed an agreement on social security between Canada and Malta.

The agreement covers the Old Age Security program, the Canada Pension Plan and the comparable Maltese social security program which provides retirement, invalidity and survivors' benefits.

"By signing this agreement, said Mr. Beatty, we have given effect to a mutually beneficial initiative which will extend greater social security protection to all of our citizens who have chosen to go from one of our countries to the other to live or to work."

Under Maltese law, in order to be entitled to a Maltese retirement, invalidity or survivors' pension, individuals are required to have made contributions to the Maltese social security scheme for a minimum number of years.

When the agreement comes into force, a person who has worked in Malta and paid contributions on the basis of his or her earnings to the Maltese social security scheme, may use periods of residence in Canada after May 7, 1956 and after reaching age 18 and/or periods of contributions to the Canada Pension Plan to satisfy the minimum conditions of Maltese legislation to become entitled to a pension.



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The agreement will also assist persons to qualify for Canadian benefits. For example, a person will be able to add periods of residence in Malta after reaching age 18 to periods of residence in Canada after reaching age 18 to qualify for a Canadian Old Age Security pension.

In the same way, those who become disabled or the survivors of a deceased worker may use periods of contributions to the Maltese social insurance scheme to meet eligibility requirements of the Canada Pension Plan disability or survivors' benefits.

Once a person's eligibility for a benefit is established, each country will calculate the amount payable in accordance with its own legislation and will pay that amount directly to the beneficiary.

Canada has similar agreements with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

The Canada-Malta Agreement will come into force after the governments of both countries have completed the ratification procedures required by their respective laws.

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111 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$700,000

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 111 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons program for a total of \$700,000. These projects will involve 9,000 participants.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

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- 3-01439 Rexton, Rexton Golden Age Club - \$8,996
- 3-01440 Richibucto, Club d'âge d'or de Richibucto - \$900
- 3-01443 Woodstock, Carleton Manor Inc. Residents' Council - \$911

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- 4-13285 Beauport, Cercle de l'Amitié - \$9,422
- 4-12846 Bouchette, Association du 3e Âge de Bouchette
- Les Bons Vivants - \$10,686
- 4-13146 Dégelis, Âge d'Or Dégelis - \$3,656
- 4-13210 Dégelis, Les Pensionnaires du Pavillon Dégelis - \$2,064
- 4-13077 Desmeloizes, Club de l'Âge d'Or St-Lambert - \$7,134
- 4-12991 Evain, Les locataires du Sommet - \$2,420
- 4-12369 Fatima, Nouveaux Horizons de Fatima - \$5,849
- 4-13208 Gascons, L'Âge d'Or de Gascons (Bonne Entente) - \$9,006
- 4-12638 Grand-Mère, Le Comité des Locataires de l'"Habitat 80"
- \$2,105
- 4-12792 Grand-Remous, Le Club des Coeurs Joyeux Inc. de
Grand-Remous - \$5,644
- 4-12097 Hérouxville, Club de l'Âge d'Or d'Hérouxville - \$9,859
- 4-13034 Iberville, Les Retraités du Foyer Providence d'Iberville
- \$4,296
- 4-13211 Iberville, Popote Roulante d'Iberville - \$6,688
- 4-12891 Kazabazua, Kazabazua Senior Citizens - \$5,136
- 4-13286 L'Ange Gardien, Club d'Âge d'Or "La Détente Inc" Inc.
- \$6,460
- 4-12924 Lac des Aigles, Club d'Âge d'Or de Lac des Aigles
- \$5,437
- 4-12725 Laval, United Golden Age Club St. Nicolas Inc. - \$7,454

- 4-13115 Maniwaki, Le Club de l'Amitié de Bois-Franc Inc. - \$9,603
- 4-12843 Montréal, Âge d'Or Ste-Louise de Marillac - \$12,127
- 4-13189 Montreal, Benny Farm Gardens - \$4,611
- 4-13188 Montreal, Social Action Environment Group of Golden Age Association - \$3,956
- 4-13050 Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, Âge d'Or Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire - \$6,720
- 4-12660 Oka, Kanesatake Care Givers - \$5,655
- 4-12861 Pointe-au-Pic, Association des bénéficiaires Villa-La-Joie - \$1,778
- 4-13168 Québec, Âge d'Or Notre-Dame du Chemin - \$13,212
- 4-12841 Rivière Pentecôte, Club de l'Âge d'Or de Rivière Pentecôte - \$2,709
- 4-12198 Sacré-Coeur-Saguenay, Les résidents du Pavillon Léopold Mayrand - \$2,402
- 4-12122 St-Adelphe-de-Champlain, Les Locataires de la Résidence de la Rive - \$1,944
- 4-13289 St-André Avellin, Les Joyeux Historiens - \$2,743
- 4-12616 St-Benoît, Les résidents du Centre d'Accueil de St-Benoît - \$7,214
- 4-12779 St-Bernard-de-Dorchester, Association des Locataires du H.L.M. St-Bernard - \$1,136
- 4-12579 St-Didace, Club de Pétanque St-Didace Inc. - \$4,132
- 4-12851 St-Elie, L'Âge d'Or St-Elie de Caxton - \$11,894
- 4-13262 St-Laurent, Conseil Régional de l'Âge d'Or Montréal Lac St-Louis - \$6,780
- 4-13287 St-Léonard, Comité des Aînés de l'Association Haïtiano-Canado Québécoise de Promotion Culturelle et Artistique - \$3,100
- 4-12703 St-Louis-de-Gonzague, Club de l'Âge d'Or "La Fée des Neiges" - \$2,135

- 4-13200 St-Louis-du-Ha-Ha, Les Résidents du Foyer Beauséjour
- \$3,169
- 4-13112 St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Comité Social de la
Villa d'Argenteuil - \$9,326
- 4-12537 Ste-Béatrix, Club de l'Âge d'Or - \$9,160
- 4-12787 Ste-Foy, Club Âge d'Or - \$1,501
- 4-12618 Ste-Marcelline-de-Kildare, Club Âge d'Or
Ste-Marcelline Inc. - \$5,123
- 4-12439 Ste-Mélanie, Club de l'Âge d'Or Amitié - \$5,080
- 4-12739 Scott-Jonction, Les locataires de la Résidence Maxime
- \$1,386
- 4-12559 Shawinigan, Cercle de l'Âge d'Or St-Marc - \$4,443
- 4-13175 Shawinigan, Les Résidents de la Résidence du "Christ-Roi"
- \$3,596
- 4-12797 Shawinigan, Les résident(e)s du Foyer Dehauffe - \$6,625
- 4-12581 Tadoussac, Âge d'Or - \$2,792
- 4-13083 Trois-Rivières Ouest, Association des Retraités Kruger
Trois-Rivières - \$14,645
- 4-12118 Yamachiche, Les Initiateurs Retraités de Yamachiche
- \$2,361

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- 5-10394 Azilda, Club Champlain Azilda - \$8,890
- 5-10391 Blenheim, Legion Villa Leisure Lovers - \$5,370
- 5-10388 Brampton, St. Anne's Seniors - \$4,046
- 5-10393 Dresden, Park Street Seniors - \$3,056
- 5-10390 Guelph, Grange Court Seniors Social Club - \$4,287
- 5-10389 Mississauga, Retired Administrative Personnel - \$6,504

5-10392 Windsor, South Windsor Seniors Music Makers - \$7,702

Manitoba/Manitoba

6-01725 Sanford, Senior Venturers - \$4,854

6-01731 Victoria Beach, Victoria Beach & Traverse Bay
Senior Citizens' Club Inc. - \$6,800

6-01729 Winnipeg, Club Oasis St. Norbert Inc. - \$10,554

6-01714 Winnipeg, Narol Golden Age Club Inc. - \$11,584

6-01724 Winnipeg, St. James Lawn Bowling Club Inc. - \$7,539

6-01726 Winnipeg, St. Patrick & St. Jude Seniors Luncheon Club
- \$8,970

6-01730 Winnipeg, St. Vital Senior Centre Membership Committee
- \$18,555

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-02989 Alsask, Alsask Hobbycrafters Club - \$4,747

7-02990 Frontier, Frontier History Book Committee - \$5,000

7-02987 Gronlid, Gronlid and District Reunion Seniors' Committee
- \$1,500

7-02988 Kipling, Willowdale Lodge Care Home Resident Council
- \$2,500

7-02986 Major, Major & District History Book Committee - \$5,000

7-02982 North Battleford, North Country Dancers - \$2,300

7-02880 Preeceville, Assiniboine Valley Tenants Association
- \$1,600

7-02771 Tugaske, Dew Drop Inn Centre - \$5,575

7-02978 Yellow Creek, Silver Halos - \$10,709

Alberta/Alberta

- 8-02359 Arrowwood, Arrowwood Restoration Society - \$15,000
- 8-02358 Ashmont, Ashmont Senior Citizens Club - \$1,519
- 8-02364 Calgary, Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association
- Alberta Branch - \$4,331
- 8-02357 Calgary, Golden Age Club - \$1,774
- 8-02366 Calgary, Hungarian Senior Citizens - \$7,356
- 8-02365 Calgary, The Friendly Neighbours - \$3,675
- 8-02362 Edmonton, Avenue Seniors Action Group - \$19,480
- 8-02356 Edmonton, Carrington Place I Seniors Club - \$5,948
- 8-02367 Edmonton, Vietnamese Seniors Health Promotion Club
- \$26,058
- 8-02361 Falher, Club D'Âge D'Or de la Villa Beauséjour - \$1,468
- 8-02360 Fort Saskatchewan, Fort Saskatchewan Advisory Board
Society - \$15,019
- 8-02368 Medicine Hat, Sunrise Chalet Seniors - \$6,745
- 8-02363 Spruce View, Golden West Drop-in Horizons Group - \$1,625

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

- 9-04008 Armstrong, Armstrong Old Timers' Activity Centre
Association - \$1,347
- 9-04015 Clearbrook, Fraser Valley Senior Missionary Fellowship
- \$13,662
- 9-04012 Fort St. John, Zone 12 - B.C. Seniors' Games Society
- \$7,230

- 9-04011 Port Coquitlam, Resident Council - Hawthorne Lodge
- \$7,252
- 9-04013 Vancouver, Fil-Can Cultural Society New Horizons Group
- \$8,048
- 9-04009 Victoria, Better Breathers Club of Victoria - \$3,416
- 9-04007 Victoria, Lake Hill Lawn Bowling Club - \$10,466
- 9-04014 Victoria, Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club - \$7,557
- 9-04010 Victoria, Primetime Ministries - \$3,046

Yukon/Yukon

- 10-00017 Whitehorse, Yukon Council on Aging - \$15,627

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OTTAWA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA TO CONDUCT FIRST NATIONAL HIV PREVALENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM STUDY

VANCOUVER - The first federal-provincial agreement under the National HIV Prevalence Research Program was announced today by the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and the Honourable John Jansen, Minister of Health, Province of British Columbia.

The program is designed to give an accurate picture of the extent of HIV infection in Canada through unlinked anonymous testing of specimens left over from other medical tests.

"The National AIDS Strategy calls for collaborative action and the prevalence research program is a prime example of how we can work together to win this battle against HIV infection and AIDS," said Mr. Beatty.

The British Columbia study is scheduled to begin this month, with initial results available in the fall. The study will test over 9,000 unlinked blood specimens left over from tests being conducted throughout the province for other sexually transmitted diseases.

"Population studies of this type are essential in helping us determine how many people may have been exposed to HIV," said Mr. Jansen. "The results will, more importantly, help us tailor services and education and prevention programs more effectively."



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Unlinked studies use specimens that have already been collected for other diagnostic purposes. All information that could identify individuals is permanently removed before the specimens are tested for HIV infection.

Legal and ethical guidelines for this research have been developed for Health and Welfare Canada by an expert advisory group consisting of specialists in a wide variety of fields, including law, ethics, medicine, theology, nursing, philosophy and public health. A copy of the guidelines is available on request.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

UNLINKED HIV PREVALENCE RESEARCH

What is HIV?

HIV is short for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. This virus causes AIDS. HIV can be passed from person to person through unprotected sexual contact, sharing of needles or syringes, or from an infected mother to her infant during pregnancy. A simple blood test is done to find out if a person has HIV infection.

What is unlinked HIV prevalence research?

Leftover specimens (e.g. blood) that have already been given by individuals for other medical tests are used for this research. All information that could identify individuals is permanently removed before the leftover specimens are tested for HIV infection. The purpose of this research is to monitor the spread of HIV infection in the population.

Why is this research important to Canadians?

Results from these studies will be used to monitor patterns of HIV infection in the population, and how they are changing over time. This information is critical in our efforts to deal with HIV/AIDS in Canada. It is needed to plan services for those who are HIV infected, and to design and evaluate prevention programs that teach people how to prevent HIV infection. Accurate information is needed to assess the financial impact of the HIV epidemic in Canada, and to prepare for future service needs.

What kinds of specimens are used in these studies?

Studies use unlinked, leftover portions of specimens that have already been collected for other medical reasons. Studies usually use leftover blood, but may use urine specimens if a large number are available.

What about informed consent?

Informed consent is required when doing research on individuals. However, it is not required in unlinked HIV prevalence research because populations are being studied, not individuals.

What about patient confidentiality?

Information that could identify individuals is permanently removed before the specimen is tested for HIV infection. The research results apply to population groups and not to individuals.

Why can't individuals get their test results?

Individual test results cannot be identified in this research. Each leftover specimen is permanently unlinked from information that could identify the individual.

Those who want to know their HIV status should see their physician and obtain a diagnostic test with informed consent and pre and post-test counselling.

How are specimens permanently unlinked?

Each leftover specimen is separated from the original patient record before it is tested for HIV infection. A second record is made for the unlinked study that does not include the patient's name or other information that could identify the individual. Only then is the leftover specimen tested for evidence of HIV infection. It is impossible to go back and connect the test result with the original patient record.

Are these studies ethically acceptable?

Yes. Provided they are conducted according to established guidelines. A special Working Group was convened by Health and Welfare Canada in 1988 to study this question. The Working Group developed guidelines to ensure that this research is conducted in an ethical way in Canada. All studies funded by the Federal Government must follow these guidelines.

Who supports this type of research?

Many groups have recommended that this research be conducted in Canada, including the Royal Society of Canada, the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS, and the National Advisory Committee on AIDS. Internationally, the World Health Organization supports this type of research.

Who is conducting unlinked HIV prevalence research in Canada?

HIV prevalence research was identified as a priority in the National AIDS Strategy that was announced by the Minister of National Health and Welfare in 1990. The Department is collaborating with provinces and territories to conduct unlinked HIV prevalence research, and has supported, since 1988 outside researchers to conduct unlinked studies.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN ADVISORY BOARD REPORT TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today tabled a report of the Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board in the House of Commons.

The Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board reported on the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Recency and Retroactivity Rules affecting disability benefits. These rules govern the provisions as well as the amount of retroactive payment to which an individual is entitled.

The report entitled "Recency and Retroactive Rules Affecting Disability Benefits," indicates that current provisions for recency and retroactivity as they affect CPP disability benefits should be maintained. Based on research from private and public plans, the report also concludes that the CPP should be amended to grant late applicants the right to appeal on the basis that they were incapable of applying for the disability benefit within the normal time limit. Finally the report recommends that further efforts be made to identify target groups through which CPP disability benefits could be made more widely known to potential recipients. It was felt that ways to improve communications should be identified; for example ensuring that doctors, hospitals and social agencies are aware and encourage their clientèle to seek further information on CPP disability benefits from their nearest Income Security Programs Client Service Centre.



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The CPP Advisory Board, which reports directly to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, is a statutory body whose members are private citizens appointed to represent employees, employers, self-employed persons and the public.

Copies of the report are available by writing to the CPP Advisory Board Secretariat, 8th floor, Tower B, Place Vanier, 355 River Road, Vanier, Ontario K1A 0L1, or by calling (613) 957-1634.

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June 14, 1991

OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN JULY

OTTAWA - Federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will increase in July in line with the cost of living, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced today.

The Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 and older, will rise to \$369.62 (from \$362.37) a month.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$439.26 (from \$430.65) for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive an Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will increase to \$286.11 (from \$280.50) for each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance -- paid to low-income people between 60 and 64 who are married to GIS recipients -- will increase to \$655.73 (from \$642.87).

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance, paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will increase to \$723.93 (from \$709.73).

All of these benefits are adjusted every three months based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's measure of inflation.

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June 17, 1991

TALKING BOOKS ON CANADA PENSION PLAN AND OLD AGE SECURITY

OTTAWA - Audio-cassettes of three booklets on income security are now available for the print handicapped in English and French from Health and Welfare Canada. Titles include Your Canada Pension Plan Retirement Benefits, Your Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits, and Your Old Age Security.

The talking books provide information on eligibility requirements, how pension is calculated, how to apply, change of address and more. The cassettes were produced on open, two-track tape at standard speed suitable for use with four-track cassette-players available from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Copies of the above audio-cassettes are available free-of-charge by calling (613) 952-9191 or writing to the address below. When ordering, please indicate the audio-cassette version of the title requested.

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June 18, 1991

160 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 160 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons Program for more than \$1 million. These projects will involve close to 17,000 participants.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

With this announcement, 271 projects have been funded during this fiscal year, for a total of \$1,815,313.

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June 21, 1991

CANADIAN SCIENTISTS DEVELOP SIMPLE AND RELIABLE METHOD TO DETECT HIV IN NEWBORNS

OTTAWA - Scientists from Health and Welfare Canada's Federal Centre for AIDS have developed a fast and low-cost method for detecting the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in infants born to infected mothers. This method combines a simple blood collection technique (dried blood spots on filter paper) with a recent advance in molecular biology (polymerase chain reaction or PCR technology).

Not all of the babies born to infected mothers carry HIV. However, because the infants carry their mother's antibodies for up to 18 months after birth, determining their infection status is difficult.

"This test will increase the ability of researchers to study HIV as well as help clinicians determine within one month of birth whether an infant carries the virus," said Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy, director of the Bureau of Laboratories and Research at the Federal Centre for AIDS.

The availability of an early diagnosis will give babies a greater chance for appropriate treatment and nurturing. Dr. O'Shaughnessy also predicts that future applications for this new PCR technology could include evaluating the effectiveness of new drug therapies to fight AIDS.



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The research team who developed the procedure was headed by Health and Welfare Canada scientists Dr. Sharon Cassol and Teresa Salas.

The complete results of the Canadian research are being presented during the VIIth International AIDS Conference which is being held in Florence, Italy, June 16-21.

An information sheet is attached.

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BREAKTHROUGH IN DETECTING HIV

CANADIAN SCIENTISTS DEVELOP INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO EARLY DETECTION OF HIV IN NEWBORNS

Determining whether a baby born to a mother with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) also carries the virus has been a slow, cumbersome and expensive procedure - until now.

Scientists at Health and Welfare Canada's Federal Centre for AIDS in Ottawa have developed a fast, low-cost and reliable method for detecting HIV in newborns which combines a simple blood collection technique (dried blood spots on filter paper) with a recent advance in molecular biology (polymerase chain reaction or PCR technology).

The scientists believe that this new approach will advance both the study of HIV as well as speed the accurate diagnosis of infants born to women infected with the virus.

A need for early detection

Not all of the babies born to mothers with the human immunodeficiency virus are infected with the virus. However, determining who these infants are is not an easy task. Routine AIDS screening tests detect the antibodies (or the body's immune response) to HIV. Babies carry their mother's antibodies for up to eighteen months after birth. As researchers have discovered, until these maternal antibodies disappear, HIV antibody screening tests produce positive results, regardless of the newborn's infection status.

Tests using the new PCR technology overcome the limitations of antibody screening by testing directly for the presence of HIV. However, conventional PCR tests have not been entirely suitable for testing newborns. They involve the collection of large quantities of blood and require syringes, glass tubes of blood, refrigeration and analysis by specially designed laboratories.

It was clear to the Canadian research team that these babies were not being well-served by the present technology. Furthermore, the lack of a definite diagnosis left many babies in limbo, both in terms of treatment and nurturing.

A simple solution

Headed by Health and Welfare Canada scientists, Dr. Sharon Cassol and Teresa Salas, the research team developed a simple PCR test for the direct detection of HIV from a single drop of blood collected on filter paper. A heel prick to collect newborn blood on small absorbent circles of paper has been used for years in the routine screening for genetic disorders such as phenylketonuria and hypothyroidism.

Dried blood spot specimens offer many advantages: the quantity of blood is small (1/1,000 of an ounce); the specimens are stable at room temperature (20 degrees Celsius) for at least two weeks, and the filter papers are easy to transport and safe to handle.

Much of the work of the Health and Welfare Canada researchers involved refining PCR technology to identify HIV using the very small quantities of blood collected on these filter papers. "Our goal was to optimize the PCR method to detect minute amounts of the virus", explained Dr. Cassol. "To do this, we had to push the technology to its limits." In the end, the research team was able to develop a reliable PCR test capable of accurately detecting as few as six HIV molecules.

A network of Canadian AIDS researchers participated throughout the development of the test, including the Institut Armand-Frappier (Dr. M. Arella); the Vancouver Lymphadenopathy AIDS/HIV Study group (Dr. M. Schechter); the Centre Maternel et Infantile sur le SIDA, Hôpital Sainte-Justine (Dr. N. Lapointe); Centre for AIDS Studies, Community Health Department, Montreal General Hospital (Dr. C. Hankins); and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto (Dr. S. Read).

The result is a major advance in PCR technology which allows clinicians to know within the first month if the baby carries HIV. Not surprisingly, this new methodology is receiving considerable attention from the international scientific community.

The team has published scientific papers on their new testing procedure. The complete results of the Canadian research are being presented during the VIIth International AIDS Conference which is being held in Florence, Italy, June 16-21, 1991. Already, scientists from the United States and the World Health Organization are studying how they can apply this new approach.

A promising future

Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy, director of the Bureau of Laboratories and Research, Federal Centre for AIDS, Health and Welfare Canada, predicts that the new AIDS-specific PCR will have a wide-ranging effect on AIDS research around the world. Adults, as well as newborns, will benefit from this development, suggests Dr. O'Shaughnessy.

"In future, we should be able to use this methodology to measure the amount of HIV in individual patients and to determine whether the virus is resistant to anti-HIV drugs used for treatment," says Dr. O'Shaughnessy. "With this information, we can study the effectiveness of different drug therapies."

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June 21, 1991

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July 17, 1991

173 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 173 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons program for more than \$1 million. These projects will involve close to 22,000 participants.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

With this announcement, 444 projects have been funded during this fiscal year, for a total of \$3,110,392.

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July 20, 1991

KECIA'S STORY RELEASED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, is pleased to announce the release of "Kecia: Words to Live By", a video documentary which follows a young, HIV-infected aboriginal woman, as she shares her story with native youth.

"This video sends a very powerful message on the tragic reality of AIDS and documents the courage of one young woman who works to raise AIDS awareness in the aboriginal communities across this country," said Mr. Bouchard, after viewing the video.

Health and Welfare Canada provided \$67,000 to the joint production by the National Association of Friendship Centres and Gryphon Productions. Kecia's hope is to open a dialogue on AIDS among native youth, and to make an awareness of the risk of HIV-infection a factor in their life decisions. The film incorporates information on AIDS prevention, but its primary objective is to help Native communities realize the threat to the health of their people.

"Kecia: Words to Live by" will be distributed to First Nations communities by the Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada, and by the National Association of Friendship Centres.

"Kecia" follows the recent release of the award-winning video "A Chance for Change", funded jointly by Health and Welfare Canada and the British Columbia Ministry of Health. "A Chance for Change" is a Gryphon Productions project for the Nuuchah-Nulth Health Board dealing with AIDS prevention for Native communities.

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July 26, 1991

HEALTH MINISTER UNDETERRED BY QUEBEC COURT DECISION ON TOBACCO

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today renewed his commitment to reduce tobacco use in Canada. His comment was made following the decision of the Quebec Superior Court that prohibiting the promotion and advertising of tobacco products violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"I am very disappointed with this decision," said Mr. Bouchard. "We will be studying it over the next few days with the Department of Justice to decide what steps we can take. Regardless of the final outcome of this case, this Government's commitment to discourage tobacco use is as strong as ever. My Department will continue to work with provincial and territorial governments and non-governmental health organizations to reduce tobacco use, especially by Canadian youth."

The legislation struck down, the Tobacco Products Control Act, was passed by Parliament and given Royal Assent in June 1988. The law came into force beginning January 1, 1989, banning tobacco product advertising in all print and broadcast media. Tobacco advertising on billboards and transit posters was phased out gradually, to limit economic dislocation, by January 1, 1991. Advertising at retail premises was scheduled to be eliminated by January 1, 1993. Tobacco sponsorship of sporting and cultural activities was allowed to continue under corporate name, but with certain restrictions.

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Canada is a world leader in reducing tobacco use. This has been achieved through public awareness and education programs, by restricting smoking on airplanes and in government buildings, increasing the taxes on tobacco, and assisting tobacco growers in finding alternative crops.

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HEALTH MINISTER MEETS WITH WOMEN TO DISCUSS BREAST IMPLANTS

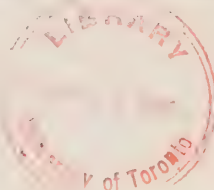
OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, recently met with Joy Langan, M.P., and several Canadian women who have had breast implants.

Mr. Bouchard was pleased to have an opportunity to hear directly from these Canadian women with breast implants, and to discuss with them additional ways in which the Department and the government could respond to issues associated with these products.

"Women who have breast implants or who are considering them must have access to complete information so that they can make a fully informed choice in consultation with their doctors. Both doctors and women considering such surgery have the responsibility to discuss these issues thoroughly," said Mr. Bouchard.

The Minister confirmed that his Department will give priority to the issue. He stressed his commitment to prompt action when there is evidence of a health threat.

The Mème breast implant will not be allowed to return to the Canadian market until evidence concerning its safety has been fully reviewed and accepted by the Health Protection Branch. Mr. Bouchard agreed that the Department will review the criteria for its assessment of breast implants.



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The Canadian Medical Association, at the request of the Department, has established a panel of physicians and toxicologists to prepare information for Canadian physicians concerning polyurethane-coated breasts implants like the Mème. Physicians will be able to use this information in discussing this type of implant with their patients.

The Minister has instructed his Department to continue to make information available to women and physicians concerning any new findings regarding the safety and effectiveness of these products.

Mr. Bouchard is giving careful consideration to the request to establish a registry of women with breast implants.

A detailed response is attached.

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DETAILED RESPONSE

On July 25, 1991, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, met with several women concerned about breast implants. In discussing the requests made by the group, which included Joy Langan, M.P. and 3 women who had had breast implants, Mr. Bouchard indicated he was willing to respond to each request. A detailed response follows:

1. That the issue of all implants be given priority by Health and Welfare Canada.

The Minister confirmed that his Department will continue to give priority to the issue.

2. That straightforward factual information be provided to women who have implants or are contemplating implants, ie: longevity of the prosthesis, side effects (autoimmune disease); possible symptoms to watch for.

Mr. Bouchard stressed his commitment to continue to provide such information, so that women who have breast implants or who are considering them can make a fully informed choice in consultation with their doctors. He added his interest in obtaining the views of the group regarding the information which should be provided.

3. That the above-mentioned information also be provided to general practitioners, cancer surgeons and plastic surgeons.

The Minister agreed that he and his Department would continue to do so. Mr. Bouchard noted that the Canadian Medical Association, at the request of the Department, has established an expert panel of physicians and toxicologists to prepare information for Canadian physicians concerning polyurethane-coated breast implants like the Mème.

The Minister indicated his support for the efforts which physicians and their associations are making to ensure that patients are fully informed.

4. The government acknowledge the pain and suffering of those women who have had serious health problems from implants, and ensure that they are compensated.

Mr. Bouchard was deeply sympathetic to the severe difficulties which some women have experienced after receiving breast implants. He noted that there are legal channels through which redress can be sought; it would be inappropriate for the government to become involved.

5. That the government not allow the reintroduction of the Mème or similar implants, until manufacturers can meet stringent safety tests, including the resolution of the problems of disintegration of the soft foam cover.

The Minister confirmed that the Mème implant (as well as other polyurethane-coated foam implants manufactured by Surgitek) is not currently available, and cannot be reintroduced until the manufacturer submitted an application and evidence concerning its safety has been fully reviewed by the Health Protection Branch.

6. That there be a review of government criteria for approval of all breast implants taking into consideration the length of security from cracking, leaking and permeating, including an assessment of diseases of the autoimmune system and the other medical complications resulting from the breakdown of the implants.

The Minister accepted the request; the Department will be reviewing the criteria for the assessment of breast implants.

7. That the Minister will ensure that his Department will openly communicate with women with breast implants as more information becomes available, and that a voluntary registry of women with breast implants be established.

The Minister committed the Department to continue to make information available. He also promised to give careful consideration to the request for a registry.

8. That doctors be appointed by Health and Welfare Canada to test for toxicity at the request of implantees.

Mr. Bouchard indicated that he would consider such a request, although this would be extremely difficult because of provincial responsibility in this area.

9. That women seeking medical treatment only available in other countries as a result of complications from breast implants be financially assisted in advance, with recompense to the Department from provincial health plans, and that this funding will be expedited.

The Minister indicated that he could not accept such a request, because of the financial implications and the provincial responsibility.

10. That the Minister organize a conference similar to the one being held in Maryland on July 31, 1991, hosted by the FDA.

The U.S. FDA meeting on July 31, 1991, was held to obtain views of the FDA's advisory panel on implants regarding risk estimates for the M&M and similar breast prostheses.

The Department will be briefed in detail by the U.S. FDA on the discussion and conclusions of the meeting. The Minister will then consider whether holding a similar conference in Canada will be useful.

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August 8, 1991

203 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 203 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons program for more than \$1 million. These projects will involve close to 26,000 participants.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

With this announcement, 649 projects have been funded during this fiscal year, for a total of \$4,702,242.



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1991-50
August 9, 1991

WELFARE FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED FOR 1991-92

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and welfare today announced the awarding of National Welfare Fellowships for doctoral studies, to 17 Canadians.

The Fellowships, granted through the National Welfare Grants Program, are intended to develop leadership potential in the areas of teaching, research, policy planning, administration, and practice in the Canadian social welfare field. They are valued at \$16,000 each plus tuition, travel expenses and dependents' allowance.

A complete list of successful candidates follows.

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LIST OF 1991-92 NATIONAL WELFARE FELLOWSHIPS

LISTE DES BOURSIERS EN BIEN-ETRE SOCIAL en 1991-1992

NAME	HOMETOWN	UNIVERSITY OF STUDY
Wanda Bernard	Dartmouth (N.S.)	Case Western Reserve (U.S.)
Linda Campbell	Winnipeg	Manitoba
David Challen	London	Toronto
Dominique Damant	Québec	Laval
Roy Hanes	Ottawa	McGill
Tuula Heinonen	Edmonton	Sussex (U.K.)
Donald Leslie	Thunder Bay	Georgia (U.S.)
Graham Meredith	Hamilton	Toronto
Brian O'Neill	Toronto	Wilfrid Laurier
Amoy Yuk Mui Ong	Prince George (B.C.)	Berkeley (U.S.)
Myra Piat	Montréal	Laval
Gilles Renault	Sudbury	Wilfrid Laurier
Charles Roy	Montréal	City University of New York (U.S.)
Hugh Shewell	Vancouver	Toronto
Susan Silva-Wayne	Toronto	Wilfrid Laurier
Carol Stalker	London	Smith College (U.S.)
Tracy Swan	Hamilton	Wilfrid Laurier

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1991-54
September 18, 1991

\$4 MILLION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

WINNIPEG – The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced a \$4 million dollar initiative to help child-serving organizations and agencies better integrate children with disabilities in their programs and activities.

The announcement, made following meetings with administrators, teachers, parents and children with disabilities at Lord Roberts Elementary School, represents one component of Health and Welfare Canada's (HWC) commitment to **The National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities** announced by the Prime Minister on September 6, 1991.



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"As a former educator and Minister responsible for Canada's ongoing commitments from the World Summit for Children, it gives me great pleasure to help others help children," stated Mr. Bouchard. "My department is examining ways to assist those taking leadership roles in the integration of children with disabilities."

Over the next few months, HWC officials will meet with other levels of government, as well as organizations of disabled persons and child-serving agencies, to determine the most effective approaches to be used in meeting the goal of this initiative – to encourage the integration of children with disabilities into all facets of Canadian life.

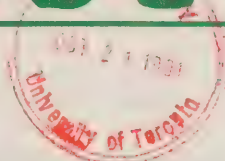
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1991-57

October 4, 1991



\$46 MILLION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that \$46 million will be provided to better integrate persons with disabilities into all aspects of Canadian society. The announcement, made during a speech to the 38th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL), included a \$200,000 contribution to support CACL's initiatives to promote alternatives to institutional care.

"Persons with disabilities are first and foremost persons with individual needs, abilities and aspirations," stated Mr. Bouchard. "They must be given an equal opportunity to live to their own individual capacities."

The funding provided will enable the Department to participate in the review of services that affect Canadians with disabilities, develop a pilot project to help persons receiving disability pensions re-enter the workforce, develop models which will foster the integration of children youth and adults into all aspects of daily living and develop more comprehensive home care programs for Aboriginal persons with disabilities.

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These initiatives represent Health and Welfare Canada's involvement in the **National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities**, announced by the Prime Minister on September 6, 1991. The major goals of the Strategy are equal access, economic integration and effective participation of persons with disabilities in mainstream Canadian life.

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1991-58
October 9, 1991

CANADA AND U.S. JOINTLY APPROVE NEW AIDS DRUG

OTTAWA- The Honourable Benoit Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare today announced the issuing of a Notice of Compliance for a new drug, didanosine (ddI), for treating patients in the advanced stages of AIDS who can no longer use zidovudine (AZT). The announcement, made simultaneously with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, follows the first joint review of a new drug by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Health Protection Branch (HPB).

"By working collaboratively, we have expedited the availability of an important drug for the treatment of AIDS while meeting all the regulatory requirements in each country," stated Mr. Bouchard.

ddI is indicated for the treatment of advanced symptomatic HIV disease, including AIDS, in adults and children intolerant or resistant to the already approved AIDS drug zidovudine (AZT).

"This drug received a notice of compliance on the basis of data derived from early clinical trials, after considering the benefits and risks for severely ill individuals," said the Minister.

Further clinical trials on ddI will continue in both countries in order to fully assess issues such as usefulness in patients with less advanced disease and use in combination with other therapies.



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Cooperation between the manufacturer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and the two regulatory agencies permitted identical drug submissions to be filed within days in each country. Review teams within HPB and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services met regularly to discuss their reviews of the database on ddI.

To date, ddI has been accessible to patients with advanced HIV disease through a treatment protocol. Bristol-Myers Squibb will continue to make ddI available to patients through this protocol until the drug is on the market in Canada.

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1991-59
October 24, 1991

BILL TO ADJUST CANADA PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATE AND TO INCREASE CHILDREN'S BENEFITS TABLED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today introduced a Bill in the House of Commons to ensure the future viability of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). The Bill also proposes to increase CPP benefits for dependent children of disabled and deceased contributors by 30% - raising the monthly benefit from \$113 to \$148 for some 170,000 children at an estimated cost of \$75 million annually.

"The increase in benefits to children reflects the government's commitment to provide support and assistance to children, particularly those who are suffering financial hardship," said Mr. Bouchard.

In addition to adjusting contribution rates for the next 20 years to reflect new forecasts of expenditures, the Bill also extends the schedule by five more years to ensure that there is always a 25-year schedule of contribution rates.

"The Canada Pension Plan continues to serve as an outstanding example of what federal-provincial cooperation can achieve," said Mr. Bouchard. "Federal and provincial governments support this rate increase as a way of ensuring the continued security of the Plan."

The new contribution rates are the result of a regular five-year review process and were first announced following the January 1991 meeting of federal and provincial finance ministers. Quebec has indicated that identical contribution rates will apply under the Quebec Pension Plan for at least the next five years.

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Once enacted by Parliament, the CPP legislation requires that two-thirds of the provinces with two-thirds of the population consent to the increase in benefits and the contribution rate changes before they can take effect. All provinces have indicated their approval in principle.

Under the new legislation, the combined employer-employee contribution rate will increase annually in steps from 4.6 % in 1991 to 9.1 % in 2011 and 10.1 % in 2016, as opposed to the current schedule which calls for the contribution rate to increase annually in steps to 7.6 % in 2011 (Table 1).

As a result of the first five-year review of CPP contribution rates by federal and provincial finance ministers, rates will be increased in two stages to ensure that the new rates will be in effect for January 1992. The first stage of the increase is being implemented by regulation provided for under the existing CPP legislation. The second stage of the increase, an additional increment beginning in 1997, will be implemented once the new legislation has received the required provincial approval.

With the new rates, Canadians earning the average wage can expect to pay \$7 more in contributions in 1992 than they would otherwise have paid, raising their annual contributions from \$679 to \$686. By 1996, their annual contributions will be raised by \$42. The net impact on workers' take-home pay will, however, be smaller than these numbers suggest, as CPP contributions are creditable for personal income taxes.

A number of minor amendments were also introduced in the Bill, including:

- amending the legislation to protect the benefit eligibility of CPP contributors who are unable to apply in time because of incapacity.
- extending benefits to children who come under the custody or control of an individual who is already receiving disability benefits.

A total of 9.5 million Canadians contribute to the CPP which covers all workers except those in Quebec who are covered by the Quebec Pension Plan. Over 2.8 million Canadians receive CPP benefits, including retirement, disability, survivors and death benefits, as well as benefits for the children of deceased or disabled contributors.

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Table 1
Comparison of Existing and Proposed
Schedules of Contribution Rates¹

		(1)	(2)	(3)			(1)	(2)	(3)
<u>Year</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposed</u>		
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate by</u>	<u>Rate by</u>		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate by</u>	<u>Rate by</u>		
	<u>%</u>	<u>Regulation²</u>	<u>Legislation³</u>		<u>%</u>	<u>Regulation²</u>	<u>Legislation³</u>		
		%	%			%	%		%
1987	3.80	-	-	2002	6.25	6.80	7.10		
1988	4.00	-	-	2003	6.40	7.00	7.35		
1989	4.20	-	-	2004	6.55	7.20	7.60		
1990	4.40	-	-	2005	6.70	7.40	7.85		
1991	4.60	-	-	2006	6.85	7.60	8.10		
1992	4.75	4.80	4.80	2007	7.00	7.80	8.30		
1993	4.90	5.00	5.00	2008	7.15	8.00	8.50		
1994	5.05	5.20	5.20	2009	7.30	8.20	8.70		
1995	5.20	5.40	5.40	2010	7.45	8.40	8.90		
1996	5.35	5.60	5.60	2011	7.60	8.60	9.10		
1997	5.50	5.80	5.85	2012	-	8.80	9.30		
1998	5.65	6.00	6.10	2013	-	9.00	9.50		
1999	5.80	6.20	6.35	2014	-	9.20	9.70		
2000	5.95	6.40	6.60	2015	-	9.40	9.90		
2001	6.10	6.60	6.85	2016	-	9.60	10.10		

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1. Employers and employees each pay half of these rates. Self-employed persons pay at these rates.
 2. This schedule is to be implemented by regulation.
 3. This schedule is to be implemented by legislation.

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October 30, 1991

National AIDS Strategy Report Highlights Progress and Need for Action

OTTAWA - "Canadians cannot afford to be complacent about AIDS." This was one of the central messages of the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, as he released the first progress report on the National AIDS Strategy.

Appearing before the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, Social Affairs, Seniors and Status of Women, Mr. Bouchard noted that HIV infection and AIDS continues to be a serious threat to the well-being of all Canadians. "Nothing less than a sustained and vigorous commitment will get us to our collective goal: stopping the spread of HIV in Canada. Our successes in the past have been founded on partnerships and will continue to be so in the future," he said.

In presenting his report, Mr. Bouchard stated that the federal government remains committed to working with others to stop the spread of AIDS, and to ensure optimal care for people with HIV and AIDS infection. He noted that current federal funding ends in 1993 and that he would be returning to Cabinet to discuss renewal of the National AIDS Strategy. "I am committed to ensuring that the momentum of the past five years is not stopped," Mr. Bouchard stated.

Mr. Bouchard indicated that the National AIDS Strategy, announced in June 1990, has resulted in action by a wide range of groups across the country. He noted that the *Progress Report 1991* highlights the work of Health and Welfare Canada in the areas of prevention education, research, care and treatment, the regulation of drugs, and support for community groups and non-government organizations.

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Mr. Bouchard also noted that future efforts must continue the development of effective prevention education programs, coordinating research efforts and optimizing the quality of life of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Bouchard also announced organizational changes to Health and Welfare Canada that will strengthen the delivery of AIDS programs, services and expertise in the Department. "Moreover, these changes will ensure that the issue of AIDS remains a priority for federal activities. The National AIDS Strategy will continue to serve as a clear statement of our commitment," he said.

Changes to AIDS program delivery within Health and Welfare Canada include the creation of a new care and treatment unit, strengthening of social service programs, greater emphasis on co-ordination between departmental branches, and making the National AIDS Secretariat the focal point for AIDS-related issues at the federal level.

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Note to editors: Copies of the *Progress Report 1991* is available on request.

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October 30, 1991

\$600,000 FOR SEXUAL ABUSE PROJECT

OTTAWA -- The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced a \$600,000 federal contribution over three years for the *Caring Communities: Community-Based action to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* project. The announcement was made during a child abuse conference in Toronto on October 28th.

The project will be conducted by the NGO Network on Child Abuse. The project responds to the recommendations of Mr. Rix Rogers, former Special Advisor to the Minister of National Health and Welfare on child sexual abuse in Canada.

The Network will focus on supporting community-based strategies for the prevention of child sexual abuse. Members of the project team will develop a descriptive inventory of existing successful prevention strategies in Canada. Resources identified in this research will be used to share information and strategies from these experiences with communities across Canada.

In making his announcement, Mr. Bouchard recalled the call to action that was issued at the time of the announcement of the Family Violence Initiative. "Child sexual abuse is a societal problem, an abhorrence that can be eliminated if, and only if, all people in Canada refuse to tolerate it. I am reassured that we will eradicate child sexual abuse from our society," he said.

The funds will be provided from the \$136 million Family Violence Initiative, announced in February, 1991. It enables the federal government to work with organizations and communities across Canada to raise awareness of the issue of family violence, and to find effective solutions to the problem.

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November 27, 1991

GOVERNMENT TABLES RESPONSE ON HEALTH CARE FUNDING

OTTAWA - "The federal government is committed to playing a major role in Canada's health care system," the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, said today.

"We must all work together to ensure that health services are delivered in the most effective and efficient manner possible," the Minister said. "The challenges facing the health care system cannot be met by increased spending along traditional lines. We must examine the broader determinants of health and devote greater attention to programs and policies, both within and outside the health field, which have the potential to promote and protect the health of Canadians."

Mr. Bouchard made the comments on tabling *Building Partnerships*, the federal government's response to the Report of the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, Social Affairs, Seniors and the Status of Women in the House of Commons. The report was tabled in the House of Commons on June 21, 1991.

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The federal government's response features four key elements:

- 1) Health involves more than formal health care; other essential strategies include health protection, health promotion, and the prevention of illness and injury.
- 2) Health and health care are not simply individual benefits; healthy Canadians contribute to a prosperous Canada.
- 3) The federal government will continue to play a major role in health and in the health care system. This role will include a strong defence of the *Canada Health Act* and its basic principles: universality, portability, accessibility, comprehensiveness, and public administration.
- 4) In order to preserve Canada's health care system, Canadians must continue to adapt it to new realities.

"Canadians place a high value on the health care system. The federal government is committed to working with all its partners in the health field to ensure that the people of Canada will continue to have access to medically-necessary care, and that the health care system will be affordable for our society as a whole," Mr. Bouchard said.

Total health contributions under Established Program Funding is \$14.5 billion for 1991-92.

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1991-71
December 6, 1991

OVER \$1 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

TORONTO - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and Sally Ballingall, President of the YWCA of/du Canada, today announced the launching of a project to encourage communities to take action on violence against women.

Health and Welfare Canada will contribute \$1,078,398 to raise awareness of violence against women at the community level. The YWCA of/du Canada, a voluntary charitable women's organization, will be responsible for the design, structure, implementation, and evaluation of the project. The project will address various forms of violence against women including wife abuse, dating violence and elder abuse.

"On this first National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the government of Canada, in partnership with the YWCA of/du Canada, is taking another important step forward to raise public awareness," said Mr. Bouchard. "No community is too big or too small to ignore the impact that violence against women has on its society. We must bring the facts about this problem home to the local level."

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For close to a century, the YWCA of/du Canada has provided shelter beds, long-term supportive housing and extensive support services to abused women and their families, and has worked diligently to improve the status of women in Canada through public education and advocacy. Over the years the national YWCA, through its 44 member associations across Canada, has established a network of contacts at the community level from the voluntary, private, business and education sectors. The YWCA will be building upon this network of contacts to stimulate community action and to end violence against women.

Referring to the framework established to develop this project, Ms. Ballingall said, "because of extensive community experience, the YWCA of/du Canada was able to bring together a broadly based Advisory Task Force. Last June, members of this Advisory Group, representing the banking, education, legal, social service, women's groups and media fields, met to determine objectives and develop a work plan for this project. The participants at this first meeting agreed that the project must be sensitive to the needs of all women, but especially to those who are doubly disadvantaged."

This program is one of the many interrelated projects the federal government is co-sponsoring under the \$136 million Family Violence Initiative announced last February. The initiative calls all Canadians to action, to work together to eliminate family violence from our society.

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COMMUNITY ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT

A Joint Initiative of Health and Welfare Canada and the YWCA of/du Canada

BACKGROUND

The \$136 million federal Family Violence Initiative, announced in February 1991, calls upon all Canadians to work in partnership to address the problem of family violence and violence against women. Long-term prevention of family violence depends upon changing attitudes and values that underlie the violence. The tolerance of this type of violence is systemic, that is, it permeates Canadian society. Reducing the tolerance of violence to zero percent requires widespread societal action.

The YWCA of/du Canada is a national voluntary women's organization, which works to improve the status of women in Canada through public education and advocacy. It works in partnership with many other groups including the government, women's groups, other voluntary organizations and the private sector.

Violence against women is not a new focus for the YWCA of/du Canada. As early as 1870, the first YWCA Residence for women was opened in St. John, New Brunswick. In 1990, through its 44 member associations, the YWCA provided shelter beds for 7,000 women and their children, as well as counselling, support groups, employment programs, and work re-entry programs. Family violence has been identified by the member YWCAs as a priority area for the coming years.

The \$1.0 million "Community Action on Violence Against Women" Project will convey the message that every member of Canadian society must be concerned about family violence and violence against women. The goal of this Project is to create ongoing multidisciplinary activities in the various participating communities. In support of this goal, the YWCA will undertake three major activities. First, it will identify and/or develop resource materials for inclusion in a participation kit for communities. The multi-media community kit will be adapted for various cultural and regional sensitivities. Second, the YWCA will invite and encourage the involvement of other non-governmental "partners". These "partners" will use their own internal information networks to disseminate information about violence and encourage their own members to get actively involved in the communities in which they work. Third, the YWCA will develop tools such as a national logo and education kit to facilitate the involvement and efforts of local communities.

Health and Welfare Canada approached the YWCA of/du Canada to develop a model to involve all Canadians by increasing awareness at the community level. The YWCA consulted with national organizations from the voluntary, private, business, and education sectors.



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December 12, 1991

126 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 126 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons program for more than \$1 million. These projects will involve close to 18,000 participants.

New Horizons is designed to help senior citizens groups plan, develop and carry out projects which help seniors and their communities.

With this announcement, 1,144 projects have been funded during this fiscal year, for a total of \$8,632,840.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00842 Bishop's Falls, New Horizons Senior Citizens Club -
\$3,735
- 0-00867 Carmanville, Eventide Senior Citizens - \$1,631
- 0-00866 Port Saunders, Golden Oldies Citizens Club - \$6,095
- 0-00836 Rocky Harbour, Rocky Harbour Pioneers Club - \$21,096

Prince Edward Island/Ile-du-Prince-Edouard

- 1-00413 Lower Freetown, Lower Freetown Women's Institute - \$5,670
- 1-00412 St. Peter's Bay, St. Peter's Circle Club - \$5,250

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01565 Antigonish, Highlanders - \$3,000
- 2-01581 Ecum Secum, Eastern Shore Sunshine Club - \$10,000
- 2-01557 Hampton, Fundy Dawn New Horizons Group - \$5,339
- 2-01580 Hibernia, Hibernia Golden Age Club - \$7,549
- 2-01576 Middleton, Valley Care Line Seniors - \$7,590
- 2-01570 Monastery, Tracadie Golden Oldies - \$2,644
- 2-01577 Sydney, Friends For Seniors - \$2,015

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

- 3-01508 Baie Ste-Anne, Le Club d'Age d'Or La Goélette - \$2,257
- 3-01511 Douglastown, Douglastown Senior Citizens Friendship Club
- \$1,088

- 3-01510 Moncton, Société des enseignantes-enseignants retraités francophones (SERF) - \$7,224
- 3-01506 Riverview, The Bridgedale Incrédibles - \$6,442
- 3-01512 St-Joseph, Comité des Zones Maple Leaf, Sud-est et Kent - \$6,300

Quebec/Québec

- 4-13475 Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Housing Co-operative Social Club - \$7,167
- 4-13487 Chicoutimi, Centre Communautaire Horizon 3e Age - \$8,000
- 4-13514 Drummondville, Cercle de l'Amitié Inc. Age d'Or - \$9,985
- 4-13569 Drummondville, Club d'Age d'Or de la paroisse Ste-Thérèse de Drummondville Inc. - \$3,367
- 4-13304 Drummondville, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Frédéric de Drummondville - \$8,579
- 4-13582 Lamotte, "Vivre Aujourd'hui" Club de l'Age d'Or de Lamotte - \$5,483
- 4-13132 Lauzon-Lévis, Les Personnes Agées de la Chambrière Mgr Bourget - \$5,847
- 4-13528 Laval, Popote du Marigot - \$16,128
- 4-13233 Lévis, La Jouvance des Aînés - \$3,311
- 4-13590 Longueuil, Bénévoles du Centre d'Accueil René-Lévesque - \$6,905
- 4-13575 Longueuil, Le Bel Age de Fatima - \$5,338
- 4-13395 Mont-Rolland, Club de l'Age d'Or Mont-Rolland Inc. - \$6,610
- 4-13411 Montréal, Les Usagers du Centre de Jour - C.H. St-Charles Borromée - \$9,558
- 4-13377 Montréal, Man Sau Centre Communautaire des personnes âgées chinoises - Man Sau Chinese Seniors Centre - \$20,475

- 4-13540 Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci, Le Club de l'Age d'Or Espoir de nos jours - \$5,235
- 4-13423 Richelieu, Les Coeurs Joyeux de Richelieu - \$5,030
- 4-13510 St-Basile-le-Grand, Les Retraités Bénévoles de St-Basile-le-Grand - \$10,386
- 4-13164 St-Germain-de-Grantham, Popote Roulante St-Germain - \$5,770
- 4-13480 St-Hugues, Club Age d'Or St-Hugues Inc. - \$7,940
- 4-13579 St-Hyacinthe, Club 3e Age Assomption St-Hyacinthe Inc. - \$7,151
- 4-13364 St-Jérôme, Comité des Résidents de la Jérômiennne Inc. - \$2,882
- 4-13044 St-Mathias-sur-Richelieu, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Mathias Inc. - \$5,171
- 4-13502 St-Narcisse, Résidents du H.L.M. St-Narcisse - \$1,506
- 4-13437 St-Pierre-d'Orléans, L'Age d'Or St-Pierre et Ste-Pétronille - \$2,035
- 4-13460 Valleyfield, Les Vaincoeurs - \$16,919
- 4-13272 Victoriaville, Comité de la Magnétothèque - \$7,498

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- 5-10601 Alliston, Green Briar Community Association - \$37,013
- 5-10621 Amherstburg, Richmond Terrace Residents' Council - \$12,598
- 5-10609 Burlington, Cama Woodlands Nursing Home Residents - \$6,765
- 5-10608 Burlington, Central Park Seniors - \$21,013
- 5-10070 Cornwall, L'Age d'Or Ste-Thérèse de Lisieux - \$5,145
- 5-09934 Fort Frances, Recreation and Social Group of Columbus Place - \$4,877

5-09930 Fort Frances, Rose Manor Group - \$2,030
5-09940 Fort Frances, The Senior Connection - \$2,390
5-10606 Hamilton, The Joybringers - \$15,490
5-10591 Ingleside, Ingleside Senior Citizen's Club #283 - \$9,972
5-10581 Kirkland Lake, Concord Club - \$10,000
5-10603 Komoka, Country Terrace's New Horizons Group - \$6,120
5-10605 London, Sunrise Seniors - \$6,406
5-10587 Maxwell, Osprey Township Young at Heart Club - \$6,450
5-10619 Mississauga, Streetsville Seniors' Club #111 Inc. -
\$6,415
5-10610 Mount Forest, Mount Forest Lawn Bowling Club - \$9,230
5-10580 New Liskeard, Young at Heart Club - \$5,000
5-10607 Newmarket, Alexander Muir Golden Oldies Group - \$5,917
5-10584 North York, Humber Summit Senior Men - \$6,363
5-10579 North York, St. Bernard's Seniors Activities Club -
\$6,332
5-10592 Ottawa, Club Social 800 - \$5,262
5-10150 Ottawa, McEwen Terrace Seniors Club - \$5,761
5-10617 Peterborough, Senior Lawn Bowling Club - \$18,574
5-10618 Peterborough, Seniors Connection Committee - \$29,270
5-10616 Port Perry, Residents' Council Community Seniors - \$9,492
5-10583 Rexdale, Club 88 - \$11,645
5-10589 Ripley, Ripley Historical Group - \$13,150
5-10612 St. George, St. George Lawn Bowling Club - \$12,504
5-10611 Simcoe, Simcoe Lawn Bowling Club - \$22,327
5-10582 Sudbury, Renaissance Sudbury Committee - \$11,371
5-10613 Tillsonburg, Tillsonburg Senior Woodcrafters - \$3,289

- 5-10599 Toronto, Esto Link Club - \$19,998
- 5-10596 Toronto, Glebe Road Bridge Club - \$1,039
- 5-10595 Toronto, Greenwood Senior Citizens Social Club - \$13,773
- 5-10586 Toronto, Holy Angels Italian Recreational Association -
\$8,015
- 5-10598 Toronto, Japanese Adventist Senior Group - \$3,874
- 5-10602 Toronto, Monteleone Golden Age Club - \$11,727
- 5-10597 Toronto, Seniors Club Branch 345 - Royal Canadian Legion
- \$4,408
- 5-10585 Toronto, St. George Mews Activity Group - \$7,293
- 5-10588 Unionville, Union Villa's Seniors - \$9,260
- 5-10620 Uxbridge, Uxbridge Health Care Center Residents Council -
\$14,634
- 5-10604 Windsor, University Golden Age Club - \$4,090

Manitoba/Manitoba

- 6-01791 Boissevain, Boissevain Seniors Bowling Association -
\$10,000
- 6-01782 Deloraine, Deloraine Congregate Meal Committee - \$8,000
- 6-01738 Winnipeg, Maples Senior Resident Council - \$10,044
- 6-01786 Winnipeg, North Centennial Seniors' Association Inc. -
\$6,845

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

- 7-03055 Broadview, Broadview Museum New Horizons Group - \$4,991
- 7-03029 Kerrobert, Pioneer Haven New Horizon Committee - \$2,052

- 7-03051 Lloydminster, Barr Colony Heritage Society - \$8,800
- 7-03056 Regina, Filipino Seniors Association of Regina, Inc. -
\$7,350
- 7-03026 Regina, Martin Luther Manor Tenants Association - \$4,300
- 7-03040 Regina, Seniors' University Group, Inc. - \$13,400
- 7-03054 Storthoaks, Storthoaks Sunshine Club Inc. - \$5,885
- 7-03058 Wawota, Wawota & District Seniors History Book Committee
- \$5,000
- 7-03057 Weyburn, Soo Line Quilters Group - \$1,200

Alberta/Alberta

- 8-02451 Beiseker, Beiseker Golden Years Town and Country Club -
\$14,655
- 8-02441 Bonnyville, Bonnylodge Resident Council - \$3,547
- 8-02457 Calgary, Bow Cliff Seniors - \$2,103
- 8-02450 Calgary, Harris House Tenants Association - \$2,309
- 8-02456 Drumheller, Drumheller Seniors Council - \$5,702
- 8-02454 Edmonton, Edmonton Korean Senior Citizens Society -
\$19,711
- 8-02458 High Prairie, High Prairie Golden Age Club - \$16,100
- 8-02459 Medicine Hat, Medicine Hat Writers' Club - \$9,256
- 8-02452 Medicine Hat, Primetime - \$3,394
- 8-02455 Vulcan, Peter Dawson Lodge Resident's Council - \$2,014

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

- 9-04102 Clearbrook, Clearbrook Health Alert Group - \$28,905
- 9-04097 Coquitlam, O.A.P.O. Branch #86 Bel-Age - \$11,210

- 9-04095 Cranbrook, Cranbrook Choosing Wellness - \$6,589
- 9-04089 Delta, St. David's Friendship Group - \$2,484
- 9-04094 Duncan, Seniors Amateur Radio Club of Cowichan - \$5,196
- 9-04098 Langley, Martha Unit of United Church Women - \$5,205
- 9-04093 Nanaimo, Nanaimo Senior Peer Counsellors - \$32,000
- 9-04103 Nanaimo, Trust Islands Senior Writers - \$3,000
- 9-04099 North Vancouver, North Shore Keep Well Society - Deep
Cove Section - \$18,244
- 9-04091 Sorrento, Notch Hill Heritage Society - \$3,017
- 9-04100 Surrey, C.B.A. Carpet Bowling Association of British
Columbia - \$2,176
- 9-04101 Surrey, Surrey Alliance Friendship Group (Hand Bell
Ringers) - \$7,500
- 9-04092 Vancouver, B.C. Chapter, Canadian Hard of Hearing
Association (C.H.H.A.), Seniors Committee - \$40,000
- 9-04088 Vancouver, Friends In Motion - \$4,000
- 9-04084 Vancouver, Shawny Vets Band - \$9,786
- 9-04096 Vancouver, Vancouver T.V. (Pacific #44) Branch, The Royal
Canadian Legion - \$8,950

Yukon/Yukon

- 10-00018 Whitehorse, The Line of Life Association - Yukon -
\$26,540

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News Release

1991-73

December 10, 1991

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND MANITOBA JOIN FORCES TO STOP ELDER ABUSE

OTTAWA - The Minister of State for Seniors, the Honourable Monique Vézina, and Gerry Ducharme, Manitoba's Minister responsible for seniors today announced the national launch of a new video on financial abuse of seniors.

"Everyday, but particularly on international human rights day, we must affirm that seniors have a right to live in dignity" said Madame Vézina. "The video will help seniors to develop their personal resources and enhance their independence by providing them with concrete ways to prevent financial abuse."

The video, entitled "Standing Up For Yourself" provides seniors, their families and care providers with information on the detection and prevention of financial abuse. Produced in Manitoba, the video is intended to help prevent financial abuse by encouraging seniors to be aware of this potential problem and thus take charge of situations which might otherwise be detrimental.

"The Canadian Bankers Association became involved with the issue of elder abuse, particularly financial abuse, during the province-wide consultations in 1989," Mr. Ducharme noted. "Since that time our government and the association have developed a positive working relationship that I hope will enable us to continue to respond to issues of concern to Canadian seniors."

The Canadian Bankers Association has been supportive of this project and plans to use the video when staff are invited to speak with community groups.

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The federal contribution of this co-funded project with the province of Manitoba was made available through Health and Welfare Canada's Family Violence Prevention Initiative.

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News Release

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December 16, 1991

\$ 620,000 TO HELP ABUSED WOMEN SEEK EMPLOYMENT

VICTORIA, B.C. - The Honourable Mary Collins, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and Member of Parliament for Capilano - Howe Sound, on behalf of the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that \$ 620,000 would be provided to the Bridges Employability Project to assist abused women seek employment.

This project is the only one of its kind in Canada, tailored for women who have suffered physical, sexual or psychological abuse, and for whom the abuse has proven to be a barrier to finding employment. Sponsored by the Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre Society, the project trains abuse victims in life skills and provides training courses to help prepare them to enter the workplace.

About 80 percent of the women who have participated in the Bridges Project have found employment or are pursuing further education or training. Approximately 40 women per year for the past three years have taken part in the project.

"Resolving the problem of violence against women involves the whole society and all levels of government," said Mrs. Collins. "This is a good example of how a community-based organization developed a project in response to the needs of women victims of family violence and secured the support of both the federal and provincial governments. I believe that this project has the potential to serve as a model for other projects and that it could be adapted to serve a variety of needs and settings across Canada."

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The funding provided for this project is part of the \$ 136 million Family Violence Initiative announced in February, 1991. This initiative enables the federal government to work with organizations and communities across Canada to raise awareness of the issue of family violence and to eliminate the problem.

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News Release

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December 19, 1991

INCREASES ANNOUNCED IN CANADA PENSION PLAN BENEFITS

OTTAWA - Over 2.7 million Canada Pension Plan recipients will have their benefits increased effective January 1, 1992, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today. The annual adjustment, which this year is 5.8 per cent, is based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

The Minister also announced increases for people who become eligible for Canada Pension Plan benefits in 1992. These rates are increased each year to keep the benefits in line with general increases in salaries and wages.

For those who become eligible for benefits in 1992 the maximum monthly retirement pension at age 65 will be \$636.11. A contributor can begin receiving a retirement pension as early as age 60. The amount will be reduced for pensions beginning before age 65 and will be increased for those beginning after age 65.

The maximum amount for a person becoming eligible for a disability pension in 1992 will be \$783.89 per month while benefits for disabled contributors' children and orphans of deceased contributors will be \$119.70 per month per child. New legislation presently before Parliament would raise this benefit by \$35.00 to \$154.70 per month.

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Maximum benefits paid on behalf of contributors who die in 1992 will be \$358.24 for surviving spouses under age 65 and \$381.67 for surviving spouses aged 65 and over. Survivor benefits are no longer discontinued on remarriage. Those whose benefits were discontinued on remarriage can apply to have their benefits reinstated.

There is also a lump sum death benefit payable under the Canada Pension Plan; the maximum payable in respect of contributors who die in 1992 will be \$3,220.

Canada Pension Plan benefits are based on a person's actual earnings and contributions for the period during which that person could have contributed to the Plan. There are yearly minimum and maximum earning levels between which persons contribute. For 1992 these levels are \$3,200 and \$32,200 respectively. The maximum contributions are \$696.00 for employees during 1992.

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News Release

1991-77
December 19, 1991

PENSIONERS TO RECEIVE MORE IN JANUARY

OTTAWA - Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will go up in January, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today.

Effective January 1992, the maximum Old Age Security pension will be increased to \$374.07 monthly from the present \$373.32.

The maximum monthly supplement (GIS) for single, low-income pensioners will go up to \$444.54 from \$443.65. The maximum for low-income married people will rise to \$289.55 from \$288.97 for each spouse.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance -- paid to needy people between 60 and 64 who are married to GIS recipients -- will increase to \$663.62 from \$662.29. The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance will rise to \$732.64 a month from \$731.17.

All of these benefits are fully indexed every three months based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

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News Release

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December 19, 1991

INCREASES IN FAMILY ALLOWANCES

OTTAWA - Family Allowances, paid to some 3.7 million Canadian families on behalf of 6.8 million children, will increase in the new year.

The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced today that effective January, 1992, the federal government's Family Allowances, paid monthly for children under age 18, will rise to \$34.88 from \$33.93 in most provinces and in the territories. The adjustment is based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure, in excess of three per cent.

Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to vary the rates payable in that province according to the age or number of children in a family, or both, providing that the average monthly payment in that province equals the federal rate. This option has been chosen by Alberta and Quebec.

The refundable Child Tax Credit for the 1991 taxation year will provide up to \$585 per child based on family income. Also, parents who qualify can claim an additional \$207 on their return for each child age six and under for whom no child care expenses were claimed.

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News Release

1991-80
December 20, 1991

158 MILLION TO EXPAND CANADA PENSION PLAN REHABILITATION INITIATIVE FOR PERSONS RECEIVING DISABILITY BENEFITS

Ottawa - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced a 158 million dollar, five-year expansion of initiatives to help persons receiving Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits re-enter the workforce.

"Through individualized programs, we hope to offer persons with disabilities an opportunity to gain the skills they need to return to productive employment," said Mr. Bouchard.

A pilot project already under way in Ontario and British Columbia has contracted five companies to provide rehabilitation and counselling services for a maximum of 100 CPP disability beneficiaries who have expressed interest in this project. "The results of this project so far are encouraging," said the Minister.

The National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities is a five-year 158 million dollar initiative which involves ten federal departments and their agencies. The National Strategy with its three goals of equal access, economic integration, and effective participation will help bring people with disabilities into the social and economic mainstream of Canadian life.

The Department of the Secretary of State through the Status of Disabled Persons Secretariat has a lead role in co-ordinating the National Strategy.

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News Release

1991-82
December 31, 1991

COMMISSIONERS NAMED TO CANADA PENSION PLAN REVIEW TRIBUNAL

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare today announced the appointment of Ron Stuart and Margaret McGrath as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the newly established Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Review Tribunal.

"Mr. Stuart has had hands-on experience with the Canada Pension Plan as one of the original staff members who worked on setting up the administration of the Plan back in 1966, and more recently as Director General in charge of CPP operations. His knowledge and commitment to the Plan will serve him well as he begins his term as Commissioner," said Mr. Bouchard.

"Having served on the boards of several family-oriented organizations, Mrs. McGrath brings with her a genuine concern for the well-being of Canadian families," continued Mr. Bouchard. "Her experience with such organizations as *The Family Institute* and *The Canadian Children's Foundation* will be of great benefit to CPP contributors who seek a review of their cases."

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The new CPP Review Tribunal system, which will replace CPP Review Committees as of December 31, 1991, is designed to improve the quality of decisions in applying the law, particularly in the case of appeals dealing with disability benefits. Each hearing will be conducted by a tribunal, consisting of a lawyer, who will chair the hearing, a health care professional, in cases of disability benefit appeals, and normally a member from the general public. Under the new system, individual panel members who hear appeal cases will serve terms of up to five years and gain experience in applying the law in these complex cases.

Individuals who disagree with a decision regarding their CPP benefits have three levels of appeal within the Canada Pension Plan. First, beneficiaries can ask the Minister to review the case. If unsuccessful, they can apply through the Commissioner for a second-level review before a CPP Review Tribunal. At that time, the Commissioner will select three panel members to hear the case. The final level of appeal within the CPP is the Pension Appeals Board which is comprised of federal/provincial and/or county court judges.

A total of 9.5 million Canadians contribute to the CPP which covers all workers except those in Québec who are covered by the Québec Pension Plan. Over 2.8 million Canadians receive CPP benefits, including retirement, disability, survivors and death benefits, as well as benefits for the children of deceased or disabled contributors.

RONALD KENNETH STUART

Ronald K. Stuart is a Chartered Accountant (C.A.), Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, 1959.

After receiving his C.A. degree, Mr. Stuart spent a number of years in financial management positions in private industry. He began his Public Service career in January 1966 as an officer in Indian Affairs and Northern Development and later that year joined the Canada Pension Plan Division as the first Manager of Claims. Mr. Stuart played a key role as a member of the team that planned and implemented the administration of the Canada Pension Plan. He was also responsible for overseeing the planning and implementation of the decentralization of Canada Pension Plan benefit processing across Canada. He has occupied a number of progressively more responsible management positions within the Income Security Programs Branch of Health and Welfare Canada. Since July 1991, Mr. Stuart has been acting as the Director General, Canada Pension Plan.

MARGARET MCGRATH, O.St.J., B.Sc.

Margaret McGrath received her Bachelor of Science Honours (Chemistry) from Marianapolis College/Loyola College, Montreal, Quebec.

As a member of the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Children's Foundation since 1989, Mrs. McGrath developed a concept for the direct participation of school children in the promotion of the *Kids Help Phone* program. Prior to this time, she was a member of the Advisory Board of this Foundation.

Since 1986, Mrs. McGrath has been a Director of The Family Life Institute.



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News Release

1992-01

January 7, 1992

DRUG APPROVAL SYSTEM TO BE REVIEWED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoit Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced an external review of the Canadian drug approval system which will be headed by Dr. Denis J. Gagnon, Vice-Rector of Research at Laval University. The Review is to advise the Minister on the regulatory model and drug approval processes that will best serve the Canadian public into the twenty-first century.

"The drug regulatory process must keep pace with future needs," stated Mr. Bouchard. "This review will build on information gathered previously and will address key issues which impact on the efficient regulation of drugs in Canada."

The issues to be addressed include:

- * the policies and practices of other national regulatory agencies, and the level and extent of international harmonization that would be appropriate for Canada;
- * the elements of the regulatory program that could be devolved from government; and
- * the resources required for the program.

Dr. Gagnon will commence the review this month and submit a report to the Minister by June 1992 and will provide practical and specific recommendations to continue to assure the safety, efficacy and quality of drugs while minimizing the regulatory burden.

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EXTERNAL REVIEW OF THE CANADIAN DRUG APPROVAL SYSTEM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The drug regulatory system must continue to assure the safety, efficacy and quality of drugs for the Canadian public. Recognizing the health care benefits of new drug therapies, the regulatory system should equally ensure the timely availability of these drugs to Canadians while minimizing the regulatory burden.

The results of the Review must reflect a level of service that can be supported at the federal level. The results must also recognize the impact of an efficient regulatory process on the provision of quality health care to Canadians and its influence on Canadian academic and research communities and on pharmaceutical-related industries. The Review should take account of previous reviews including the Eastman Commission, Nielsen Task Force, Auditor-General reports, Working Group on Drug Submission Review (Stein) and the many current initiatives for revisions to the existing regulatory system.

The Review should provide specific, and practical recommendations, which would maintain existing safety and efficacy standards, together with an implementation strategy and timetable that considers such matters as:

1. Policies, practices, organizational structures and operational efficiencies adopted by other national regulatory agencies, (e.g. England and Australia re: the Baume Report) that would be appropriate for Canada.
2. The optimum level and extent of international harmonization and international regulatory equivalency possibilities, to improve the timeliness while ensuring the safety, quality and consistency of the review process. Specific emphasis should be placed on harmonization of submission formats and review procedures.
3. Introduction of categorization for drug evaluation that is based on level of risk.
4. Elements of the regulatory programme that could be devolved from government to the industry or health care professionals without compromising safety.
5. Human and physical resource requirements and availability.
6. Measures to expedite, track, and audit the success of the implementation of the recommendations within a firmly defined timetable.



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News Release

1992-05
January 16, 1992

\$508,640 TO THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY FOR SENIORS INDEPENDENCE PROJECT

TORONTO - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors today announced \$508,640 in funding to The Arthritis Society. The Arthritis Society is the only non-profit organization in Canada devoted solely to funding and promoting arthritis research, patient care and public education.

Funding is being provided under the Seniors Independence Program to expand, nationwide, the Arthritis Self Management Program (ASMP) which has been offered in Alberta and British Columbia since 1989. ASMP is a six-week learning experience for people with all forms of arthritis. The program has proven effective in reducing pain, fatigue and depression associated with arthritis.

ASMP provides information about arthritis treatment and equips participants with pain management strategies designed to make everyday living easier. Using their own experiences with arthritis as a foundation for learning, participants are taught how to identify problems in their own lives caused by arthritis and to explore potential solutions by setting meaningful goals to improve their quality of life.



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"I am pleased to have the opportunity to assist The Arthritis Society with the expansion of this program," said Mme. Vézina. "Arthritis is the number one chronic disease in Canada, affecting one in seven people and touching the lives of one in three families. By expanding ASMP, The Arthritis Society will be helping seniors participate in active, healthy lives within their communities and their families cope and adapt with the disease as well."

The Seniors Independence Program is designed to promote quality of life, well-being and independence for Canada's seniors. Projects funded under the program may be local, regional or national in scope.

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News Release

1992-06
January 17, 1992

\$272,405 TO "LA VIOLENCE ENFANTE LA VIOLENCE"

MONTREAL - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that the federal government would contribute \$272,405 to *La violence enfante la violence*, a project that will be undertaken by *La Fédération des ressources d'hébergement pour femmes violentées et en difficulté du Québec*. Health and Welfare Canada's contribution totals \$222,405 while \$50,000 will be provided by the Secretary of State.

By responding to the vast social problem of family violence, this campaign aims to raise Québécois' awareness. Speaking at a press conference in Montreal, Mr. Bouchard said, "to overcome this problem, we must recognize that everyone has a role to play, as members of society". "It is only by changing those values of our society which tolerate violence against women that we can successfully eliminate this violence."

Last February, the federal government launched its \$136 million Family Violence Initiative, which encourages partnerships in order to eliminate violence to family and children. The complexity and scope of the problem require wide-scale measures to be taken on a number of different fronts, with a number of different partners.

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In undertaking this project *La Fédération* will work with *La chambre des notaires du Québec*, the Québec government, as well as many service clubs and corporations, to develop and distribute information on wife abuse.

The federal contribution will be used to help develop an information kit containing tools to assist communities to eradicate the problem.

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135 NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 135 projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons Program, for more than \$1 million. These projects will involve close to 15 000 participants.

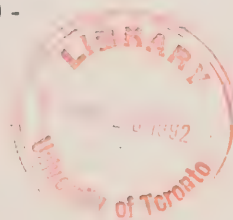
"In the past 20 years the New Horizons Program has involved seniors from all areas of Canada including rural communities, large urban centres, remote villages in the North, coastal islands and native reserves, in a wide range of projects such as peer counselling, meals-on-wheels, home visits, recycling programs, volunteer and self-help activities, just to name a few," said Mme Vézina. "In those 20 years, the Program will have benefitted close to five million Canadians."

Many of these projects have been tangible demonstrations of the vitality, enthusiasm and imagination of older, retired citizens. Their determination and hard work have contributed immensely to the enrichment of the social and cultural life of our country.

With this announcement, 1,279 projects have been funded during this fiscal year, for a total amount of \$9,824,212.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00859 Holyrood, Marina Golden Age Club - \$3,780
- 0-00870 Labrador City, Twin Cities Seniors Group - \$3,400
- 0-00869 St. John's, Bishop Meaden Manor Senior Citizens Club - \$3,000
- 0-00872 Stephenville, Stephenville Senior Citizens' Club - \$8,030
- 0-00868 Winterton, Sugar Loaf Senior Citizens Club - \$4,940

Prince Edward Island/Ile-du-Prince-Edouard

- 1-00414 Alberton, Residential Senior Citizens Complex Club - \$7,514
- 1-00416 Charlottetown, Nurses Alumnae of the Charlottetown Hospital - \$1,759
- 1-00415 Charlottetown, Seniors Active Living Group - \$43,597

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01567 Collingwood, Mountain View Villa Seniors' Club - \$2,189
- 2-01563 Glace Bay, Victoria Haven New Horizons Seniors Group - \$2,130
- 2-01582 Greenfield, Jolly Ponoquers Senior Citizens Club - \$4,031
- 2-01587 Halifax, Atlantic Chief & Petty Officers Association - \$6,070
- 2-01588 Halifax, Nova Scotia Steering Committee for Networking - \$25,000
- 2-01583 Halifax, The Senior Scribes of Nova Scotia - \$12,700
- 2-01562 Harbourville, Harbourville Senior Citizens Club - \$2,942
- 2-01572 Pembroke Shore, Bay Shore Fifty Plus Club - \$7,800
- 2-01555 Southampton, Knights of Pythia & Pythian Sisters - \$4,835

2-01556 Terence Bay, Seaside Seniors of Terence Bay - \$2,738

2-01574 Westville, Knights of Pythia New Horizons Club - \$7,175

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

3-01484 Fredericton, The Maple Leaves - \$2,675

3-01497 Perth-Andover, Keenagers Senior Citizens' Club - \$4,000

3-01505 Riverview, Bluenose Gems - \$3,080

3-01503 St. John, The Tonsilaires - \$5,270

Quebec/Québec

4-13676 Amos, Les Résidents de la Résidence Bonne Entente -
\$2,516

4-13509 Bedford, Popote des Aînés de Bedford et Région - \$12,848

4-13346 Charlesbourg, Club Age d'Or Bourg-Royal - \$5,874

4-13223 L'Annonciation, Popote Roulante d'Action Bénévole de la
Rouge - \$12,502

4-13328 Laval, Association des locataires du Manoir des Mille
Iles - \$2,447

4-13449 Laval, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Martin - \$7,598

4-13434 Laval, Club de l'Age d'Or l'Oasis 300 de Laval Inc. -
\$6,103

4-13416 Montréal, Association Québécoise pour la Défense des
Droits des Retraité(e)s et Prêretraité(e)s - \$5,692

4-13534 Normétal, Comité d'entraide de Normétal - \$3,309

4-13568 Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge, Age d'Or
Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge - \$7,892

4-13379 Québec, Club du Buisson Inc. - \$4,722

4-13378 Québec, L'Oiseau Bleu - \$4,504

- 4-13307 Québec, Le comité des bénéficiaires du Centre d'Accueil Nazareth Inc. - \$9,434
- 4-13257 Québec, Les Retraités du Centre Communautaire St-Vallier - \$5,463
- 4-13258 Québec, Sinfonia - \$5,286
- 4-13419 Rouyn-Noranda, Comité des loisirs des soins de longue durée C.H.R.N. - \$5,357
- 4-13492 Roxboro, Northshore Seniors Association - \$13,253
- 4-13557 St-Aubert, Les Navettes Volantes - \$3,845
- 4-13513 St-Félix de Kingsey, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Félix de Kingsey - \$8,608
- 4-13517 St-Laurent-d'Orléans, Joie de Vivre (Age d'Or) - \$3,839
- 4-13486 St-Luc, Club de la fraternité St-Luc - \$5,203
- 4-13535 St-Malachie, Club de l'Age d'Or St-Malachie - \$7,371
- 4-13650 St-Marc de Figury, Age d'Or de St-Marc de Figury - \$3,708
- 4-13488 Ste-Brigitte-des-Saults, Club de l'Age d'Or "Héritage Culturel" - \$5,036
- 4-13552 Ste-Foy, Club de l'Age d'Or La Rencontre - \$6,076
- 4-13605 Ste-Foy, Groupe d'Entraide Communautaire de Ste-Foy et Sillery - \$6,167
- 4-13593 Villemontel, Le groupe 3e âge de Villemontel - \$6,312

Ontario/Ontario

- 5-10566 Beardmore, The Beardmore Evergreens Senior Citizens Club Inc. - \$3,533
- 5-10639 Dunnville, Seniors & Retirees of the Dunnville Amateur Radio Club - \$5,437
- 5-10637 Dunnville, The Dunnville Lawn Bowling Club - \$5,836
- 5-10634 Dunsford, Dunsford Seniors Club - \$27,784

5-10630 Elmira, Carpet Bowlers (Elmira Seniors Centre) - \$4,584
5-10622 Etobicoke, North Kipling Seniors - \$13,255
5-10631 Forest, Bluewater Heritage Club - \$12,613
5-10624 Gravenhurst, Gravenhurst Horticultural Society - \$7,663
5-10643 Hamilton, A(Adult) - Team Senior Citizens Auxiliary -
\$22,202
5-10646 Hamilton, A.B.C. Activity Group - \$6,488
5-10652 Hamilton, German-Canadian Benevolent Society Committee -
\$21,016
5-10627 Harrow, Ravine Ravens - \$13,507
5-10645 Keswick, The Cedarvale Chips - \$10,554
5-10651 Kitchener, Meadowcroft Place Committee - \$10,897
5-10647 Listowel, Sunny Seniors - \$3,061
5-10649 London, Clark Road Seniors - \$19,521
5-10650 Lucan, Parkview Krafty Seniors - \$5,960
5-10626 Meaford, Meaford Lawn Bowling Club - \$12,971
5-10488 Minden, Royal Canadian Legion 636 Seniors - \$2,928
5-09999 Nepean, Harmer House Phase II Seniors Committee - \$22,901
5-10623 Neustadt, Neustadt Senior Citizens Club - \$12,571
5-10642 Newbury, Sunshine Club - \$5,119
5-10641 Niagara Falls, Oakwood New Horizons Club - \$7,719
5-10640 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling
Club - \$6,463
5-10653 Norwich, The Happy Rollers - \$22,206
5-09852 Ottawa, Glebe Centre Residents' Council - \$4,952
5-09995 Ottawa, Senior Citizen - Golden Age Group Division -
\$14,245
5-10636 Peterborough, Riverview Manor Committee - \$12,857

- 5-10635 Port Perry, Villa Resident's Council - \$6,356
- 5-10628 Ridgetown, The Village Residents Committee - \$6,234
- 5-10593 Scarborough, The Invictones - \$6,928
- 5-10638 Simcoe, New Horizons Computer Group (Simcoe Seniors' Centre) - \$7,167
- 5-10565 Smooth Rock Falls, Smooth Rock Falls Golden Seniors - \$13,018
- 5-10625 Southampton, Southampton Senior Citizens & Lawn Bowling Club - \$19,700
- 5-10644 Stratford, '39 Casino Band - \$4,870
- 5-10648 Tavistock, The Jolly Oldsters - \$6,886
- 5-10564 Terrace Bay, Resident Council of Birchwood Terrace - \$3,060
- 5-09928 Thunder Bay, Legion Manor Association - \$7,210
- 5-09932 Thunder Bay, Northward Seniors' Tenant Council Association - \$4,962
- 5-09933 Thunder Bay, Rural 60 Plus - \$4,496
- 5-10633 Uxbridge, Uxbridge Senior Citizens Club - \$51,239
- 5-10594 Whitby, Theos - Whitby Chapter - \$15,700
- 5-10629 Windsor, L.C.S.C. Seniors' Club - \$13,828

Manitoba/Manitoba

- 6-01779 Ashern, Ashern Leisure Club - \$29,916
- 6-01768 Gimli, Gimli New Horizons' Club Inc. - \$2,972
- 6-01770 Vita, Vita Friendship Centre Inc. - \$5,900
- 6-01772 Winnipeg, 'D' Division R.C.M.P. Veterans' Wives & Widows Association - \$4,022
- 6-01780 Winnipeg, Elmwood Prime Timers - \$5,358

6-01787 Winnipeg, Morse Place Flashbacks - \$9,050

6-01785 Winnipeg, New Horizons Ad Hoc Committee - \$37,743

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-03049 Allan, Allan New Horizon Group - \$2,895

7-03061 Cabri, Cabri and District Museum Association - \$7,500

7-03060 Caronport, Caronport Golden Age Assoc. Inc. - \$2,309

7-03069 Duck Lake, The Duck Lake Co-Operative Senior Citizens Centre - \$10,550

7-03062 Kamsack, Kamsack Harmony Center - \$2,389

7-03048 Maidstone, Maidstone Historical and Cultural Society - \$6,450

7-03074 Mayfair, Mayfair Pioneers Club - \$2,365

7-03047 Mont Nebo, Mont Nebo New Horizons - \$4,402

7-03066 Muenster, Muenster Senior Citizens Club - \$4,989

7-03075 Paradise Hill, Paradise Hill Pioneers - \$2,700

7-03067 Prince Albert, Connaught Village Seniors - \$2,300

7-03076 Spiritwood, St. Stephen's Cemetery Restoration Seniors Group - \$1,950

7-03059 Unity, New Horizons Assoc. of Unity, Inc. - \$5,144

7-03068 Vonda, Vonda Golden Age Club Inc. - \$9,341

7-03065 Yorkton, Clements Court Seniors - \$1,000

Alberta/Alberta

8-02463 Brooks, Prairie Pioneers - \$5,435

8-02465 Canmore, Horizon Village Mountain Shadows - \$5,864

8-02466 Edmonton, Alberta Council on Aging - \$38,310

8-02460 Edmonton, Knottwood Village - \$7,162
8-02462 Edmonton, Lions Centre Camera & Photography Club - \$2,001
8-02461 Edmonton, Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada Seniors -
\$7,153
8-02453 Gibbons, Spruce View Seniors - \$1,800
8-02467 Lethbridge, Horizon Village, Willowbrook - \$5,260
8-02464 Morley, Stoney Nation Elders - \$13,915

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

9-04112 Bowen Island, Bowen Island Historians - \$10,193
9-04105 Burnaby, St. Michael's Centre Resident's Council - \$8,782
9-04109 Galiano Island, Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano
Volunteer Fire Department - \$6,348
9-04111 Ganges, Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Br. 32) Craft
Club - \$5,749
9-04115 Kitimat, Kitimat Senior Citizens Association, Branch #129
- \$9,223
9-04106 Penticton, Federal Superannuates National Association
(F.S.N.A.) South Okanagan Branch - \$9,917
9-04110 Robson, New Horizons Autopatch Project Committee - \$6,173
9-04114 Vancouver, Banfield II Residents Council - \$5,549
9-04108 Vancouver, Killarney Shamrock Seniors - \$4,765
9-04090 Victoria, Victoria West Lawn Bowling Club - \$7,411

Northwest Territories/Territoires du Nord-Ouest

11-00035 Rae, Fort Rae New Horizons Group - \$39,000



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News Release

1992-11
January 31, 1992

NEW, RESTRICTED CONDITIONS FOR TRIAZOLAM (HALCION)

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada today announced new, restricted conditions for the sleeping medication triazolam (Halcion).

This announcement follows a review of the safety and effectiveness of this medication, including clinical studies and other information supplied by the manufacturer and foreign regulatory agencies. In addition, a panel of experts was consulted in order to consider fully the usefulness of triazolam in the treatment of short-term and transient insomnia.

A key issue that emerged during the review process was the way in which this medication is used. The measures being taken are intended to reinforce, for both patients and physicians, the conditions under which triazolam use is appropriate.

Under the new conditions, the recommended period for continuous use of triazolam will be shortened from 21 days to 14 days. The recommended starting dose will be lowered to 0.125mg for all patients, with a maximum daily dose of 0.25mg in adults.

Triazolam will be available in packages of seven pills. Each package will contain a special leaflet to inform patients of the appropriate use of the medication, as well as all potential adverse reactions. It is anticipated that these new packages will be available in about six months. In the interim, patient information sheets will be dispensed with each prescription.



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Physicians and pharmacists have been advised of these changes which apply to all forms of triazolam including brand name Halcion and its generic forms Apo-Triazo, Novo-Triolam, Nu-Triazo and Triazolam.

These changes are similar to those announced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP) of the European Community.

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TRIAZOLAM:

Differences between the old and new prescribing information

INDICATIONS

Old: Triazolam is a hypnotic agent useful in the short-term management of insomnia. Triazolam should not be administered consecutively beyond 21 days.

New: Triazolam is indicated for the symptomatic relief of transient and short-term insomnia in patients who have difficulty falling asleep. Triazolam is not recommended for early morning awakenings.

Treatment with triazolam should usually last for 7-10 days. It is recommended that duration of dosing not exceed 14 days. Use for more than 2-3 weeks requires complete reevaluation of the patient.

The use of hypnotics should be restricted for insomnia where disturbed sleep results in impaired daytime functioning.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

New: the following statement has been added:
Triazolam is contraindicated in patients who in the past manifested paradoxical reactions to alcohol &/or sedative medications, and in subjects with a history of substance or alcohol abuse.

WARNINGS

New: the following adverse reactions, which recently were of concern, are described under separate headings: memory disturbance, abnormal thinking and behavioral changes, confusion, anxiety/restlessness, and depression.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

New: Upjohn has prepared a new table which lists the incidence of adverse reactions at doses of 0.1-0.3 mg, and 0.4-0.6 mg separately and provides a comparison vs placebo.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Old: the maximal dose in adults and in geriatrics was 0.5 mg and 0.25 mg, respectively.

New: the starting dose in all patients is 0.125 mg. This dose should not be exceeded in geriatric patients. In adults, the maximal recommended dose is 0.25 mg.

PACKAGING

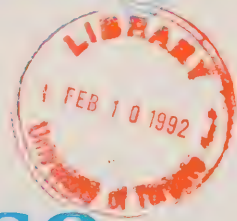
Old: bulk dispensing prescription filled by pharmacist.

New: unit-of-use strip of 7 tablets.



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News Release

1992-12
February 7, 1992

CANADA ANNOUNCES ADOPTION ARRANGEMENT WITH ROMANIA

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced that an arrangement on intercountry adoptions has been reached with the *Romanian Committee for Adoptions*.

The arrangement, concluded by the National Adoption Desk of National Health and Welfare, will permit the Romanian government to place children in Canada through the appropriate Canadian adoption authorities.

Mr. Bouchard noted that Canada is the first country to conclude such an arrangement with the *Romanian Committee for Adoptions*. "This arrangement respects the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to safeguard the best interests of the child by ensuring that child welfare authorities in both countries will be involved in adoptions," Mr. Bouchard said.

Adoptions from Romania, halted since July 1991, are expected to resume in the spring of 1992. Under this arrangement, Romania will only accept applications for adoptions from Canadian sources through the National Adoption Desk which represents provincial (except Quebec) and territorial child welfare authorities abroad in matters relating to international adoptions. Interested adoptive parents are requested to contact officials responsible for adoption in their province or territory.

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News Release

1992-13
February 7, 1992

\$33,400 TO THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS FOR HIV/AIDS PROJECT

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced a contribution of \$33,400 to the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) to fund the second phase of their HIV/AIDS project.

The overall purpose of the CASW project is to provide the Association's 15,000 members across Canada with information on HIV/AIDS as well as practical advice for dealing with HIV-positive persons or their families and caregivers. The first phase resulted in an educational brochure and a resource kit. The second phase will produce more specific guidelines for social workers in dealing effectively with HIV/AIDS issues as they arise in different settings, from hospitals or clinics, to prisons or family service agencies.

"This initiative is an example of activities supported by my Department to ensure that those who are infected, and those who are affected, including the caregivers, have access to appropriate and timely information," stated Mr. Bouchard.

The project is one of a number of skill development projects funded under the National AIDS Strategy for professionals dealing with the care, treatment and support of persons affected by HIV/AIDS.

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News Release

1992-15

February 11, 1992

CANADA/IRELAND SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT COMES INTO FORCE

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today that the Reciprocal Agreement on Social Security between Canada and Ireland came into force as of January 1, 1992.

This agreement coordinates the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with comparable social security programs of Ireland, which provide old age, disability and survivor's benefits.

Both Canada and Ireland require that certain residence and/or contributory conditions be met before individuals may qualify for benefits. Under the terms of the Agreement, these conditions are eased for persons who reside, or have resided in Canada and Ireland. In this way, persons will now be assured social security protection

Once eligibility is established, the Agreement provides a means of calculating the amount of benefit to be paid by each country in accordance with its own legislation. The amount of benefit payable is determined on the basis of the periods of residence or contributions credited to the individual in each country.

Similar agreements have been concluded with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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News Release

1992-19
February 14, 1992

LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO ASSIST LATE APPLICANTS FOR CANADA PENSION PLAN DISABILITY BENEFITS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, with the consent of all parties, today tabled legislation to amend the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) following a ruling by the Senate Speaker that Bill C-280 was out of order.

The new legislation would bring assistance to late applicants for CPP disability benefits.

"In keeping with the intent of Bill C-280, which was sponsored by my colleague the Honourable Alan Redway, this new legislation will grant benefits to applicants who have met the eligibility requirements but who have failed to apply within the specified time period," said Mr. Bouchard. The legislation differs, however, by not extending coverage to people who become disabled long after they ceased contributing to the Canada Pension Plan.

Mr. Bouchard praised Mr. Redway for his initiative and efforts on behalf of disabled persons and for his willingness to support this new legislation. The Minister also expressed his gratitude to the provincial ministries of finance and social services who, together with Health and Welfare Canada, were able to reach a consensus on the proposed new legislation in a short timeframe.

"I expect this legislation to proceed and become effective at a very early date, now that the ground work has been laid through consultations with the provinces," Mr. Bouchard said.

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The Senate ruled Bill C-280 out of order because it had not been recommended to the House of Commons by the Governor General as legally required for all bills dealing with the expenditure of revenues.

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News Release

1992-20
February 17, 1992

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY SILICONE BREAST IMPLANTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced the creation of an independent advisory committee of experts to study silicone gel-filled breast implants.

This committee, chaired by Dr. Cornelia Baines, will travel to Washington, D.C. this week to attend a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) panel which will review information on these implants.

The advisory committee of experts will also have access to all documentation available to Health and Welfare Canada and will make preliminary recommendations to the Minister before February 28.

"My main priority continues to be for the women who have these prostheses," the Minister said. "I want to ensure that these women get the best possible information and advice. That is why I have created this committee and that I am concentrating all the necessary resources to obtain any new information and look at it expeditiously."

The Minister also issued an update paper on the actions taken so that silicone gel-filled breast implants are off the market in Canada.

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"The manufacturers and distributors of these implants have all complied with my January 8 request to stop distributing in Canada," the Minister said. "In addition, we are ensuring that the importation of these prostheses is stopped and that any outstanding stock is withdrawn."

"Canadian medical associations such as the Canadian Association of Plastic Surgeons and the *Association des spécialistes en chirurgie plastique et esthétique du Québec* have already expressed their support of a moratorium," the Minister added. "As well, my department is writing to all Canadian doctors encouraging them to honour the moratorium and not implant these devices until further information is obtained."

A list of the panel members is attached.

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INDEPENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

CHAIR

Dr. Cornelia Baines - Professor in the Department of Preventative Medicine and Biostatistics and Deputy Director of National Breast Screening Study, University of Toronto, member of the CMA Expert Panel on Safety of Polyurethane Breast Implants.

MEMBERS

Dr. Paul Davis - President of the Canadian Rheumatology Association, Internist with interest in rheumatology, associated with University of Alberta Hospitals, Director of Continuing Education, University of Alberta.

Dr. Dennis Smith - Member of the Hearn Committee and the Expert Advisory Committee. Director for the Centre of Biomaterials, University of Toronto.

Dr. Jocelyne Arseneau - Associate Professor of Pathology and of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Victoria Hospital and McGill University.

UPDATE PAPER

ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING THE MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF JANUARY 8, 1992

RESULTS

Request manufacturers and distributors to stop distributing silicone gel-filled breast implants in Canada.

All manufacturers and distributors have complied with Minister's request

Market withdrawal of any remaining stock

Importation stopped

Request an expeditious review of FDA's new scientific evidence

Independent committee of experts (chaired by Dr. Cornelia Bains) to attend FDA panel in Washington and make recommendations to the Minister

Review of all documents ongoing

All necessary resources needed for expeditious review

Letter to all doctors (January 8)

Commitments from associations to respects Minister's voluntary moratorium:

Canadian Association of Plastic Surgeons

Association des spécialistes en chirurgie plastique et esthétique du Québec

Second letter to all doctors on honouring moratorium



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News Release

1992-22
February 24, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - IMPORTED FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING SULPHITES

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers allergic to sulphites not to consume a number of products which contain sulphites, although their product labels do not indicate this. These products, all imports, are listed on the attached page.

These products are considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to sulphites. To date, no illnesses have been reported.

Consumers who wish to do so may return these products to the place of purchase.

Voluntary recalls by the distributors are being monitored by the Health Protection Branch.

Health and Welfare Canada monitors domestic and imported food products to ensure that they meet Canada's food regulations. Sulphites are permitted to be used as preservatives in certain foods and are required to be listed on product labels.

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BRAND	PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER/EXPORTER/ PACKER/DISTRIBUTOR
CAMAR, HL-DEIN	DRIED APRICOT PASTE 482 G	GHASSAN R. SOUCCAR, DAMASCUS, SYRIA
KAMARDIN	DRIED APRICOT PASTE 500 G	ETS ELIAS AOUN COMMERCIAL LEBANON
WASCO	SWEETENED COCONUT: DESSICATED 150 G SHRED 150 G, 300 G FLAKES 300 G	WATT & SCOTT INC. 5470 FERRIER MONTREAL, QUEBEC



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News Release

1992-28
March 23, 1992

OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN APRIL

OTTAWA - New rates for the federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits for the April to June 1992 period were announced today by the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Old Age Security pension (OAS), paid to people 65 and older, will be \$374.44 per month. This is an increase of \$.37 over the previous quarter.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will be \$444.98 per month for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive the Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance. For each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance, the maximum will be \$289.84 per month.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA), paid to people between 60 and 64 with a limited income who are married to GIS recipients, will be \$664.28 per month.

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will be \$733.37 per month.

The Old Age Security Act provides for benefit increases every three months based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Statistics Canada cost-of-living measure. The higher the inflation rate rises from one quarter to another, the higher the raise in OAS benefits. Since the inflation rate has slowed down, increases in OAS benefits are lower.

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The benefit amounts for GIS, SPA and WSPA vary according to the recipient's income during the previous year. Recipients of the GIS, SPA and WSPA must resubmit their applications each year. Applications must be returned by March 31 to avoid any interruption in benefits. If applications are received and approved after the end of March, retroactive payments to April 1 will be paid after processing.

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1992-29
March 27, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF PEANUT BUTTER IN CHRISTIE RITZ BITS SANDWICHES WITH REAL CHEESE

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, based on information received from Nabisco Brands Ltd, is warning consumers allergic to peanuts not to consume Christie RITZ BITS Sandwiches with Real Cheese bearing the numbers 152 and 153 as part of the lot numbers on the top of the box.

These packages may contain sandwiches with peanut butter filling which were accidentally packed in boxes of 250 g. marked "Sandwiches with Real Cheese".

Approximately 250 cases of product may contain these erroneously packed sandwiches. The product is distributed across Canada.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

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Nabisco Brands Ltd of Toronto, Ontario, is voluntarily withdrawing the product from retail stores and is providing a telephone hot line (1-800-663-9838) for consumers who may have any questions regarding this matter.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1992-45
May 20, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - UNDECLARED PEANUTS AND ALMONDS IN VARIOUS CHOCOLATE BARS AND FONDUE CHOCOLATE

MONTREAL - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers **allergic to peanuts or to almonds** not to consume various chocolate bars and fondue chocolate manufactured by *Les Chocolats Excel* of Quebec, Quebec. These products may contain peanuts and almonds, although the product labels do not indicate this.

Consumers allergic to peanuts or to almonds are advised not to consume the products listed on the attached page. These products have been distributed in the province of Quebec only.

These products are considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts or to almonds. To date, there has been no report of adverse reaction associated with the consumption of these products.

Consumers who wish to do so may return these products to the place of purchase.

A voluntary recall by the manufacturer is being monitored by the Health Protection Branch.

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BRAND NAME	PRODUCT NAME	LEGAL AGENT NAME ON LABEL
RÉGAL	CHOCOLATE FONDUE (100 g. and 300 g.)	LES CHOCOLATS EXCEL Quebec, Quebec
FRINGALE	"PUR CHOCOLAT AU LAIT" (100 g.)	LES CHOCOLATS EXCEL Quebec, Quebec
QUALIPRO	REAL PURE MILK CHOCOLATE FOR FONDUE (Bars of 65 g. and 100 g.)	ROLEDIX Quebec, Quebec
QUALIPRO	"VÉRITABLE CHOCOLAT PUR AU LAIT AVEC AMANDES" (Bars of 65 g. and 100 g.)	ROLEDIX Quebec, Quebec



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News Release

1992-46
May 25, 1992

51,000 SENIORS BENEFIT FROM NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS WORTH \$2 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 287 new projects have been approved for funding under the New Horizons Program for more than \$2 million. These projects will involve close to 51,000 participants.

"Seniors benefit immensely from the wide variety of projects funded by New Horizons, such as dial-a-friend, self-help and support groups for elder abuse and literacy. Funds contributed through this program have been a very valuable investment in the health and well-being of senior Canadians," said Mme Vézina. "The work of the groups funded by New Horizons not only influences other seniors to remain active in their communities, but also enables Canadians to recognize the tremendous contributions of seniors to society."

Projects funded under the New Horizons Program are designed by seniors and carried out by seniors for the benefit of seniors and their communities. The New Horizons Program and senior Canadians mark a 20 year partnership in 1992.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00890 Buchans, Buchans Senior Citizens - \$19,545
- 0-00883 Cox's Cove, The Golden Rainbow Senior Citizens Club -
\$4,023
- 0-00889 Dunville, Lions Golden Agers Club - \$19,168
- 0-00887 Leamington, Young at Heart Fitness Group - \$1,615
- 0-00879 Musgravetown, Senior Citizens Fellowship Club - \$4,314
- 0-00891 St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador Pensioners & Seniors
Citizens Federation - \$6,220
- 0-00886 Trout River, Golden Years Senior Citizens - \$3,844

Prince Edward Island/Ile-du-Prince-Edouard

- 1-00422 Charlottetown, Prince Edwards Island Senior Citizens'
Federation - \$29,419
- 1-00425 Hunter River, P.E.I. New Horizons History Committee -
\$13,328
- 1-00421 Miminegash, Lady Slipper Senior Citizens Club - \$5,888
- 1-00424 O'Leary, West Prince Seniors Active Living Group - \$5,410
- 1-00423 York, York History Committee - \$9,366

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01586 Annapolis Royal, Seniors Auxiliary of Historic Restorations
Society - \$10,100
- 2-01611 Antigonish, C.A.R.E. Van Antigonish, NS - \$2,500
- 2-01571 Antigonish Co., Heatherton Club 60 - \$2,945
- 2-01585 Boylston, Antigonish - Guysborough Council #63 - \$3,883
- 2-01591 Boylston, Bayview Seniors Citizens Club - \$3,700
- 2-01606 Chester, Shoreham Village Crafters - \$3,835
- 2-01598 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Lawn Bowling Club - \$15,800

2-01600 Dartmouth, The Railway Club of H.E.A.N.S. - \$9,240
2-01607 Digby, Digby New Horizons Club - \$4,863
2-01603 Digby County, The Weymouth New Horizons Club - \$13,342
2-01616 Halifax, Caregiver Resource Centre - \$18,971
2-01594 Halifax, Indo-Canadian Senior Group of Nova Scotia -
\$10,786
2-01605 Malagash, Malagash Association of Rural Seniors - \$7,065
2-01604 Saint Bernard, Club d'Age d'Or Saint-Bernard - \$10,362
2-01602 Shelburne, Shelburne County Seniors Council - \$5,828
2-01610 Wallace, Wallace & Area Sunrise Seniors Association -
\$10,819

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

3-01524 Dieppe, Club d'Age d'Or de Dieppe Inc. - \$2,188
3-01469 Eel River Crossing, L'Age d'Or d'Eel River Crossing -
\$6,500
3-01537 Fredericton, Fredericton Master Bowlers Seniors - \$1,450
3-01531 Inkerman, Club de l'Age d'Or d'Inkerman - \$7,235
3-01515 Moncton, Rail City Chorus of Moncton - \$3,580
3-01535 Moncton, Southeast NB Geri-Fitness Festival Committee -
\$18,873
3-01534 Penobsquis, Cardwell Senior Citizens Club - \$5,946
3-01516 St. John, Seniors 79ers Club - \$2,547
3-01529 Saint John, The Timestoppers - \$3,500
3-01523 Sussex, The Golden K Ramblers - \$2,313
3-01519 Woodstock, Newburg Nuggetts - \$9,453

Quebec/Québec

- 4-13459 Anjou, L'Association au Fil du Temps d'Anjou - \$5,244
- 4-13782 Aylmer, Aylmer United Church History Book Committee - \$4,035
- 4-13737 Beauport, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Thomas de Villeneuve - \$6,251
- 4-13494 Boucherville, Les aînés du 9-4-5 - \$7,305
- 4-13691 Chandler, Les Retraités de la Légion Royale Canadienne Filiale Gaspésia 203 - \$7,196
- 4-13646 Deauville, Le Club du Vitrail Deauvillois - \$9,309
- 4-13559 Gaspé, Club de l'Age d'Or de Gaspé - \$14,394
- 4-13678 Joliette, Association des retraité(e)s du Gouvernement du Québec Inc. (Section Lanaudière) - \$7,887
- 4-13571 Joliette, Les Résidents de la Coopérative des Fonctionnaires Provinciaux Retraités - \$1,974
- 4-13570 L'Épiphanie, Club Age d'Or L'Étoile Inc. de l'Épiphanie - \$1,563
- 4-13623 La Corne, Club de l'Age d'Or de La Corne "La Concorde Inc." - \$5,024
- 4-13693 La Prairie, Club de l'Age d'Or de La Prairie - \$11,522
- 4-13694 La Salle, Loisirs des Aîné(e)s de La Salle - \$5,546
- 4-13855 Lac Carré, Club de l'Age d'Or Lac Carré Inc. - \$6,339
- 4-13529 Laval, Association des Locataires Résidence Chomedey Inc. - \$1,801
- 4-13861 Laval, L'Association Canadienne-Grecque de l'Age d'Or et Vétérans de Laval - \$14,780
- 4-13837 Lemoyne, Club de Bridge Lemoyne - \$3,506
- 4-13663 Longueuil, Association des Directeurs et Directrices d'école Retraités de la Rive-Sud, Section 03 - \$5,567
- 4-13733 Longueuil, Le Club de l'âge d'or "Les Royaux de Longueuil" - \$6,693

- 4-13586 Montréal, A.Q.D.R. Rivière-des-Prairies - \$2,575
- 4-13311 Montréal, Association des citoyens âgés greco-canadiens de Montréal "ASKLIPIOS" - \$9,711
- 4-13883 Montréal, Association des Locataires Habitation Parthenais - \$13,920
- 4-13868 Montréal, Association des locataires de l'habitation Bruchési - \$5,214
- 4-13654 Montréal, Association R.S. - \$2,933
- 4-13692 Montréal, Club de Pétanque "Les Gais Lurons Inc." - \$1,010
- 4-13893 Montréal, Club Social de la Villa Ukrainienne - \$8,839
- 4-13793 Montréal, Club social de l'Age d'Or Oasis Sauvé - \$2,476
- 4-13657 Montréal, Comité d'Age d'Or du Centre de Loisirs des Sourds de Montréal - \$4,217
- 4-13468 Montréal, Comité des locataires de la Résidence Berri-Lajeunesse - \$3,929
- 4-13730 Montréal, Comité des Résidents du 2150 Papineau - \$6,679
- 4-13649 Montréal, L'Association des Locataires Dublin-Fortune - \$4,361
- 4-13792 Montréal, L'Association du 22e Inc. - Succursale de Montréal - \$6,195
- 4-13728 Montréal, Le Groupe des aînés en forme - \$2,237
- 4-13814 Montréal, Les Aînés Actifs - \$1,761
- 4-13755 Montréal, Les aîné(e)s de la Chorale St-Alphonse - \$3,172
- 4-13501 Montréal, Les Amis du 1895 Beaudry - \$4,681
- 4-13661 Montréal, Les Coeurs Joyeux - \$2,042
- 4-13640 Montréal, Les Copains, Comité des Résidents d'Olivar Asselin - \$3,616
- 4-13583 Montréal, Les Locataires d'Habitation Laurier - \$3,946
- 4-13832 Montréal, Ligue de quilles (âge d'or) - \$2,250
- 4-13731 Montréal, Loisirs 1100 Inc. - \$3,843

- 4-13576 Montréal, Résidents du Foyer Hellénique pour Personnes
Agées - \$8,033
- 4-13736 Montréal, Santé-Loisirs - \$13,220
- 4-13888 Montréal, "Wellness Centre Committee" - \$6,095
- 4-13671 Notre-Dame du Laus, Club de l'Age d'Or Les 4 As - \$20,430
- 4-13884 Outremont, Les Projections du Grand Écran - \$10,469
- 4-13270 Québec, Les Retraités Imperial Tobacco - \$11,843
- 4-13639 Richelieu, Association des Locataires de Villa Belle
Rivière - \$4,571
- 4-13812 Rigaud, L'Association des Locataires - \$2,005
- 4-13823 St-Césaire, Centre d'Entraide - \$4,189
- 4-13664 St-Étienne de Lauzon, Les Quilleurs Aînés de St-Gilles -
\$3,024
- 4-13784 St-Henri-de-Lévis, La Chorale des Aînés de la Bonne Humeur
- \$3,144
- 4-13838 St-Hyacinthe, Club Age d'Or Douville Inc. - \$3,761
- 4-13860 St-Jovite, Les Rayons de Soleil du Manoir Fortin - \$9,860
- 4-13597 St-Michel-de-Napierville, Le Club de l'Age d'Or Moissons
Impérissables - \$11,408
- 4-13804 St-Paul d'Abbotsford, Le Cercle des Fermières - \$2,877
- 4-13892 St-Raymond, Le Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Raymond - \$6,699
- 4-13389 St-Télesphore, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Télesphore - \$9,930
- 4-13695 Ste-Rose de Laval, Les Aînés du Manoir Thérèse Casgrain -
\$2,004
- 4-13811 Sherbrooke, Association des Pionniers Cheminots de l'Estrée
(Sherbrooke Québec) Inc. - \$9,978

- 4-13522 Sherbrooke, Association québécoise de défense des droits des retraité(e)s et préretraité(e)s - \$7,035
- 4-13774 Sherbrooke, Club Age d'Or - Les Amis du Faubourg Mena'Sen Inc. - \$3,578
- 4-13714 Sherbrooke, Club Amitié St-Sacrement - \$5,160
- 4-13720 Sherbrooke, Les Résidents de la Résidence Gordon - \$4,282
- 4-13554 Sherbrooke, Les Résidents des Résidences de la Cathédrale de Sherbrooke - \$8,658
- 4-13802 Sorel, Association des personnes handicapées Sorel-Tracy - \$7,813
- 4-13610 Sorel, Le Club des Sages Inc. - \$3,294

Ontario/Ontario

- 5-10769 Arthur, Arthur Lawn Bowling Club - \$6,361
- 5-10729 Baden, Wilmot Seniors Metal Shop - \$29,440
- 5-10765 Beamsville, Lincoln Area Lawn Bowling - \$7,749
- 5-10785 Beaverton, Lakeview Manor Senior Volunteers Committee - \$22,353
- 5-10219 Belleville, 485 Senior Citizens Club - \$3,595
- 5-10187 Belleville, Kenron Seniors Lawn Bowling Group - \$12,375
- 5-10759 Brantford, Brant County Branch Seniors of the Genealogical Society - \$23,324
- 5-09843 Brighton, Brighton Lawn Bowling Club - \$12,552
- 5-10122 Brockville, Diamond Jubilee Club - \$2,764
- 5-10470 Brockville, Sherwood Park Manor (SPM) New Horizons Committee - \$10,583
- 5-10767 Brussels, Brussels Lawn Bowling Club - \$7,091
- 5-10727 Caledon, Maple Grove Seniors - \$3,856
- 5-10778 Cambridge, J. B. Seniors Club - \$13,601
- 5-09829 Campbellford, Campbellford Lawn Bowling Club - \$19,393

5-10743 Capreol, Seniors on Skis - \$4,924
5-10265 Cherry Valley, Athol over 60's Club - \$6,616
5-09858 Cobourg, The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club - \$8,900
5-10781 Downsview, Tre Torri Social Club - \$13,208
5-10762 Hamilton, Churchill Fields Lawn Bowling Club - \$17,020
5-10776 Hamilton, Grace Villa Seniors - \$9,004
5-10792 Hamilton, Hamilton Victoria Club Seniors Group - \$7,199
5-10761 Hamilton, Keenagers - \$3,581
5-10794 Hamilton, Melrose Carpet Bowling Club - \$9,275
5-10724 Ilderton, 102 Kennedy Avenue Seniors - \$7,602
5-10797 Kapuskasing, La Forge - \$15,189
5-10725 Kincardine, Malcolm's Seniors' Group - \$3,420
5-10577 Kingston, Later Life Learning - \$3,280
5-10614 Kingston, Weller Arms Recreation Committee - \$4,152
5-10704 Kingsville, Kingsville Age Unlimited - \$3,633
5-10751 Kitchener, St. Raphael's - Seniors - \$21,719
5-10758 Leaside, Trace Manes Seniors - \$25,471
5-10719 Lindsay, 140 Rainbow Club - \$6,871
5-10730 London, Huron Seniors - \$12,787
5-10752 London, Old Oak Social and Activity Club - \$7,104
5-10723 London, Ox-Well Activity Program - \$19,644
5-10726 Lucknow, West Ashfield History Committee - \$12,000
5-10774 Markham, Cedarcrest Social Club - \$14,795
5-10802 Midland, Askennonia Senior Centre Group - \$18,921
5-10696 Mississauga, Carpet Bowling Group of the Meadowvale Seniors
Social Club - \$3,165

5-10748 Mississauga, Cawthra Senior Citizens' Badminton Club - \$2,811

5-10697 Mississauga, Clarkson-Lorne Park Seniors Club - \$2,410

5-10749 Mississauga, The Erin Millers - \$5,187

5-10161 Newboro, Rideau Friendship Circle #541 - \$10,691

5-10747 Niagara on the Lake, Chateau Gardens Residents Council - \$5,745

5-10713 North York, The Finch-Weston Multicultural Seniors Committee - \$8,481

5-10783 Oakville, Oakville Lifecare Centre Seniors - \$7,905

5-10771 Oakville, Oakville Recreation Centre Seniors Renovating Committee - \$16,033

5-10731 Oshawa, St. Joseph's 55 Plus Club - \$18,174

5-10718 Ottawa, Community Relations & Education Committee - \$24,470

5-10693 Ottawa, Day Away Program - Volunteer Committee - \$8,523

5-10695 Ottawa, Federal Superannuates National Association - \$11,074

5-09823 Ottawa, Groupe Liaison-santé de la Basse-Ville et New Edinburgh - \$7,565

5-10787 Ottawa, Institute for Positive Health for Seniors - \$47,900

5-10711 Ottawa, Senior Citizens Council of Ottawa-Carleton - \$23,474

5-09661 Ottawa, Somerset Manor Social Club - \$5,183

5-10728 Paisley, Paisley Lawn Bowling Club - \$17,170

5-10784 Paris, Paris Lawn Bowling Club - \$24,770

5-10692 Pembroke, Valley Senior Swimmers - \$3,081

5-10203 Picton, Hallowell House Residents Council - \$6,914

5-10768 Port Elgin, Port Elgin Lawn Bowling Club - \$14,415

5-09734 Port Hope, Happy Community Gang - \$5,707

5-10169 Port Hope, The Social Club - Ruth Clarke Activity Centre
For Seniors Committee - \$13,654

5-10795 Ramore, Club Age d'Or "amitiés et amusements" - \$7,125

5-10708 St. Catharines, Harcoveside Seniors Club - \$1,653

5-10763 St. Catharines, Merritton Lawn Bowling Club - \$16,053

5-10698 St. Catharines, The Armenian "Young at Heart" Seniors Club
- \$10,270

5-10753 St. Marys, Kingsway's Seniors - \$20,739

5-10702 Sarnia, Diner's Club #1 - \$12,699

5-10737 Sault Ste. Marie, Happy Days Senior Band - \$14,461

5-10714 Scarborough, Agincourt Lawn Bowling Club - \$15,076

5-10736 Scarborough, Donne Italiane Club - \$15,764

5-10732 Scarborough, Oakridge Senior's Bocce Club - \$15,258

5-10735 Scarborough, Ontario Shuffleboard Association Equipment
Committee - \$34,197

5-10600 Scarborough, Van Del Manor Resident Group - \$5,448

5-10699 Strathroy, New Canadian Seniors Association of Strathroy -
\$18,537

5-09939 Thunder Bay, Branch #5 Seniors - \$6,325

5-09938 Thunder Bay, D.E.M.S. News Group - \$3,188

5-09931 Thunder Bay, Spence Court Seniors - \$1,804

5-09944 Thunder Bay, Vale Community Centre Older Adult Group -
\$2,795

5-10754 Tillsonburg, Senior Citizen - Club 53 - \$10,425

5-10691 Toronto, Parkside Lawn Bowling Club - \$4,647

5-10688 Toronto, Poloria Senior's Club - \$9,447

5-10716 Toronto, Rockettes - \$2,042

5-10717 Toronto, Seniors Educational Volunteer Organization -
\$22,696

5-10739 Toronto, Sunflower Group - \$11,777
5-10738 Toronto, The Salvation Army "Over Sixty Club" - \$5,035
5-09845 Trenton, District "15" Lawn Bowling Clubs - \$1,653
5-10746 Unionville, Heritage Centre Seniors Computer Group -
\$11,481
5-10775 Vaughan, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 414 Seniors Club -
\$16,034
5-09848 Warkworth, Mill Creek Manor Seniors - \$7,799
5-10764 Welland, Croatian National Home Seniors - \$10,251
5-10760 Welland, Northside Seniors - \$3,495
5-10709 Welland, Rose City Seniors Talent Bank - \$8,159
5-10770 Weston, Riverlea Seniors - \$15,513
5-10715 Whitby, Sunnycrest Social Group - \$7,849
5-10793 Wiarton, The Oliphant Young at Heart Seniors - \$9,050
5-10690 Willowdale, Kempford Billiard Club - \$4,608
5-10780 York, York Comurascope - \$19,055

Manitoba/Manitoba

6-01810 Brandon, Prairie Oasis New Horizons Group - \$13,731
6-01812 Brandon, West Man Floor Shuffleboard Club - \$4,135
6-01781 La Broquerie, Club de l'amitié - \$11,127
6-01798 Vassar, Vassar Pines, Needles & Cones Inc. New Horizons
Senior Committee - \$24,180
6-01788 Winnipeg, 260 Nassau Tenants Association - \$3,050
6-01805 Winnipeg, Ashbury Place Seniors Club - \$4,938
6-01826 Winnipeg, Creative Retirement Manitoba - \$100,000

6-01811 Winnipeg, Silverview Estates Association of Tenants -
\$10,330

6-01809 Winnipeg, Woodriver Haven Club - \$4,000

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-03083 Abernethy, Abernethy Senior Citizens - \$1,872

7-03093 Cabri, Cabri Seniors Co-op - \$4,479

7-03096 Cut Knife, Nor'West Wellness Groups - \$3,952

7-03097 Fenwood, Fenwood History Book Committee Seniors - \$2,000

7-03087 Lumsden, Lumsden & District Dew Drop In - \$3,387

7-03091 Naicam, Churchview Lodge Tenant Association - \$3,076

7-03078 Neudorf, Neudorf Golden Sunset Club - \$1,200

7-03086 Ogema, Ogema and Community History Book Group - \$3,500

7-03063 Regina, Saskatchewan Seniors Group No. 6 - \$1,536

7-03100 Saskatoon, St. Georges Senior Citizens Residence Committee
- \$2,200

7-03101 Saskatoon, Saskatoon Council on Aging - \$16,021

7-03085 Saskatoon, St. Volodymyr Villa Tenants Association Inc. -
\$10,038

7-03102 Saskatoon, Saskatoon Seniors New Horizons Celebration '92
- \$20,550

7-03094 Shellbrook, Sturgeon Lake Elder's Club - \$4,600

7-03071 Stenen, Senior Citizens Dew Drop In Club - \$1,046

7-03103 Swift Current, Swift Current Senior Citizens Activity
Centre Inc. - \$11,500

7-02864 Wilkie, Poplar Courts Social Club - \$2,588

Alberta/Alberta

- 8-02471 Athabasca, Athabasca Senior Swim Group - \$2,248
- 8-02504 Barrhead, Barrhead Adult Day Program Committee - \$11,699
- 8-02503 Bonnyville, Le Club de l'Aurore des Aînés - \$3,962
- 8-02525 Calgary, Calgary Foothills Lutheran Manor Social Club - \$5,324
- 8-02492 Calgary, Calgary Naval Veterans Association Corvette K231 Club - \$9,970
- 8-02494 Calgary, Horizon Village - Deer Ridge - \$7,280
- 8-02516 Calgary, Le Club de l'Amitié de Calgary - \$5,899
- 8-02488 Calgary, Luther Place Seniors Social Club - \$7,082
- 8-02528 Calgary, Mawusow Seniors Club - \$10,418
- 8-02491 Calgary, Seniors for Reminiscences - \$6,625
- 8-02493 Calgary, The Calgary Kotobuki Society - \$21,688
- 8-02510 Cardston, Woolford History Book Committee - \$2,500
- 8-02499 Derwent, Highway 45 Seniors All Stars - \$1,876
- 8-02502 Edmonton, Central Lions Players - \$7,522
- 8-02517 Edmonton, Evergreen Mobile Park Senior Group - \$2,575
- 8-02524 Edmonton, L.A.S.C.A. Latin American Senior Citizen Association - \$7,999
- 8-02515 Edmonton, Villa Voices - \$1,520
- 8-02513 Grande Prairie, Pioneer Lodge Arts & Crafts - \$1,500
- 8-02512 Hay Lakes, Hay Lakes New Horizons Recreational and Cultural Club - \$2,263
- 8-02506 Heinsburg, Heinsburg Riverview Seniors - \$4,345
- 8-02521 Lake Isle, Koinonia New Horizons Seniors - \$19,017
- 8-02505 Legal, Histoire de Legal History Association - \$2,350
- 8-02520 Lethbridge, L.S.C.O. Entertainers - \$5,950

8-02527 Nanton, Nanton Lancaster Society Seniors' Wing - \$19,611
8-02529 Pincher Creek, Seniors Committee to the Pincher Creek
Hospital Auxiliary - \$1,325
8-02519 Raymond, Raymond Roundup History Book Committee - \$2,500
8-02522 Rochfort Bridge, Lac Ste. Anne Historical Society - \$6,069
8-02514 St. Lina, The Golden Age Pioneers of Rich Lake - \$12,441
8-02507 Sherwood Park, Lakeside Village Seniors Group - \$4,287
8-02498 Two Hills, Two Hills Senior Citizens Club - \$19,397
8-02489 Vermilion, Vermilion and District History Research
Committee - \$2,025

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

9-04161 Abbotsford, The Painting Group of the Abbotsford O.A.P.O.
- \$2,216
9-04141 Burnaby, Vancouver/New Westminster Runeberg Chorus - \$3,500
9-04140 Burnaby, Willingdon Church New Horizon Centre Group -
\$8,411
9-04147 Burnaby, Willingdon Park Hospital Music Therapy Group -
\$2,557
9-04164 Chilliwack, St. Thomas Seniors Club - \$2,544
9-04132 Clearbrook, Maranatha Golden Agers - \$3,400
9-04167 Cranbrook, B.C. Seniors Games Society Zone 7 - \$6,279
9-04168 Dawson Creek, Senior Citizens Association, Branch #74 -
\$2,857
9-04123 Kaleden, Kaleden Fifty Plus Club - \$2,376
9-04151 Kamloops, Lacey Seniors Society - \$9,827
9-04128 Langley, Seniors Alive - \$6,065
9-04169 Oliver, Ladies Auxiliary - Royal Canadian Legion #97 -
\$9,479
9-04148 Penticton, Concordia Twilighters - \$5,403

9-04136 Port Moody, Kyle Centre Advisory Board - \$11,838

9-04120 Summerland, RECOPE Senior Volunteers Committee - \$3,160

9-04146 Surrey, In Search of Leadership Group - \$3,700

9-04170 Terrace, Fitness Equipment Committee, B.C. Seniors Games
(Zone 10) - \$2,177

9-04145 Vancouver, Central American Seniors' Group - \$15,530

9-04149 Vancouver, Collingwood Towers Active Club - \$5,816

9-04067 Vancouver, Icelandic Care Home Residents' Council - \$2,286

9-04156 Vancouver, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital E.C.U. Residents'
Council - \$3,523

9-04142 Vernon, Vernon Senior Citizens Recreational Society -
\$2,512

9-04153 Victoria, Ezra Community Association Computer Group -
\$6,454

9-04137 Victoria, Juan de Fuca Carpet Bowlers - \$3,687

9-04158 White Rock, Kent Street Computer Training Group - \$13,608

9-04139 White Rock, Semiahmoo Bay Seniors Drop-In Centre Society -
\$20,366



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News Release



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WARNING AGAINST CONSUMING HEAVEN TEMPLE CANNED MUSHROOMS

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning Canadians not to consume *Heaven Temple* brand canned mushrooms, 100 oz size (2.84 L), pieces and stems. The label identifies the product as being from the China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation (Guangdong Branch) of the People's Republic of China.

The lots involved are identified by a three line code which appears on the top of the cans as follows: the first line of the code is PR R14, the second line consists of numbers ranging from 900101 to 900116 and the third line is P8052M.

The Health Protection Branch has analyzed samples of this product and found evidence of underprocessing. This can result in the survival of bacteria that may cause botulism food poisoning.

The *Heaven Temple* brand is distributed across Canada. The distributor of this product, Mantab Inc. of Montreal, Quebec, has initiated a voluntary recall from the retail and the wholesale levels. Product in 100 oz (2.84 L) cans bearing the above lot numbers are also known to have been distributed across Canada by Shafer-Haggart Ltd. of Vancouver under the *Four Star* brand name and by Aliments Tousain Inc. of Montreal under the *Tousain* brand name. These products are also being voluntarily recalled by these distributors.

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HPB advises the public not to consume the products bearing the above lot numbers and to return any unopened cans to the point of purchase. Consumers concerned about their health after eating this product are advised to seek medical advice.

The Health Protection Branch has not received any reports of illness associated with this product and will continue to monitor the situation.

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News Release

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May 29, 1992

PESTICIDE HANDLERS EXPOSURE DATABASE DEVELOPED IN JOINT EFFORT

OTTAWA - Health and Welfare Canada, together with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, has developed a generic database to predict pesticide exposures for mixers, loaders and applicators of pesticides.

The PHED will allow pesticide exposure to be estimated for workers, for any given combination of factors such as method of application, type of protective clothing and equipment, type of pesticide formulation used as well as other parameters.

The Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database (PHED) will be used to assess exposure and for pesticide registration, reevaluation, risk management issues and research. As more information becomes available, this database will have the potential to guide current and future exposure research efforts by identifying data gaps, to increase certainty of pesticide exposure assessments because estimates are based on a larger database, to provide consistent exposure estimates, and to reduce costs in meeting registration and reassessment requirements. Some of these advantages are already offered when using PHED for particular use scenarios.

The data to create the PHED were developed and organized over six years. As more studies become available, the database will be updated.

The PHED software package and reference manual costs \$250 U.S. and can be obtained by writing Tim Leighton, Versar Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, Virginia 22151 or phoning 1-800-283-7727.

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News Release



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CANADIAN CHILD DAY CARE FEDERATION RECEIVES \$1.23 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced today that \$1.23 million will be provided through the Child Care Initiatives Fund (CCIF) Program for a three year National Child Care Resource Development Project.

The project, to be undertaken by the Canadian Child Day Care Federation (CCDCF), will contribute to Canada's broad body of knowledge in the child care field. The Federation will establish mechanisms to effectively disseminate CCIF project results to Canada's child care communities.

"The federal government is committed to continuing its role in the research and development of child care in Canada," said Mr. Bouchard. "Through CCIF, nearly 400 projects have received support and this newly announced project will facilitate an information exchange that the child care community can use to further benefit their organizations and the nation's children."

The overall goal of the project falls within the CCDCF's mandate to provide, on a national basis, child care information.

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"We will not only work to provide the child care community with much needed information, but also to identify gaps in this body of knowledge," said Joanne Morris, President of the CCDCF.

The CCDCF is a non-profit, membership-based organization that provides information, education, policy research and development to direct service providers, educational institutions, government policy makers and public opinion leaders across Canada.

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News Release

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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT RELEASED

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today released, as part of Environment Week, a new publication entitled *A Vital Link: Health and the Environment in Canada*. This report is intended to sensitize Canadians to the ways in which their health is affected by environmental hazards and to help individuals make more informed decisions on these issues.

"Canadians are fortunate to live in a beautiful land of great natural resources and to be among the healthiest people in the world," stated Mr. Bouchard. "It is important to remember that there is a connection between our general level of health and the quality of our environment. *A Vital Link* promotes awareness of this link and helps Canadians understand how to reduce their health risks."

The 160-page report is a thorough account of environmental health issues. It describes the impact of environmental contaminants on our health, the results of scientific studies, and the work of Health and Welfare Canada in protecting Canadians from health hazards.

A Vital Link is tied to Health and Welfare Canada's \$170 million Action Plan on Health and the Environment which was announced by Minister Bouchard in March 1992. The Action Plan serves to increase our understanding of the major environmental health challenges that may face Canadians in the next decade.

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Copies of *A Vital Link: Health and the Environment in Canada* are available for \$18.95 from bookstores and through Canada Communication Group - Publishing, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0S9.

A 10-page overview, which addresses important issues about health and the environment in Canada, is available free of charge by writing to Health and Welfare Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9 or by calling (613) 952-9191.

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News Release

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NEW DRUG BILL TABLED IN THE HOUSE

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare today announced that the *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* was tabled in the House of Commons.

This Bill intends to complete the legislative framework of Canada's Drug Strategy, first launched by the Federal government in May 1987. The government recently announced a further \$270 million investment in the Strategy over the next five years.

"Generally, it is the young who experiment with drugs. Many end up addicted. Given the magnitude of the problem, there are no quick-fix solutions. But, if tougher controls pave the way toward decreased substance abuse, particularly among our youth, then the Government will have achieved a vital objective," the Minister stated.

The *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* consolidates current drug control legislation found in the *Narcotic Control Act* (NCA) and Parts III and IV of the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA). Because of trends in drug abuse and sophistication in trafficking, present drug control laws need updating and streamlining. This is highlighted by the emergence of new psychoactive substances like "designer drugs" and "look-alike drugs" not presently regulated by existing laws. (An explanation of terms is attached.)

The Bill would also permit the control of "precursors". These are substances, usually without psychoactive properties, which may be readily used to make psychoactive substances.

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The inadequacies of the NCA and the FDA are remedied by the *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* which uses a broad description to define psychoactive substances, making the regulations more comprehensive. As well, the Bill ensures that psychoactive substances and precursors are only available for medical or scientific purposes. The Bill also contains provisions which enable authorities to regulate the import, export and domestic sale of these drugs.

"The *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* also fulfils Canada's international obligations towards the *Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs* and the *Convention on Psychotropic Substances*," Mr. Bouchard stated. "These United Nations Conventions provide mechanisms through which Canada, along with the other 114 participating states can prevent the illicit trade of narcotics and psychoactive substances between countries."

In addition, the *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* deals with the forfeiture of property and goods related to illegal drug activities. The federal government's position is that traffickers should not be allowed to retain goods purchased with illegally earned money.

"The *Psychoactive Substance Control Bill* compliments existing *Proceeds of Crime* legislation. Together, they strike at the heart of criminal enterprise by giving the courts the tools to justly strip criminals of ill-gotten profits and property related to drug offences," the Minister said.

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BACKGROUNDER

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Psychoactive substances, or mood altering drugs, can change or affect the way a person thinks, feels or acts. These substances usually have physical effects as well, but are different from other drugs because they work primarily on the mind and the senses.

Designer drugs are potent psychoactive substances with slightly different chemical structures than drugs like stimulants, tranquilizers and pain-killers. Yet, these drugs affect users in similar ways and produce the same health and social problems. Designer drugs are easily produced in clandestine laboratories. The manufacture and sale of these drugs has been a very profitable business. Under the Narcotic Control Act as well as the Food and Drugs Act, a drug must be listed on a schedule to an Act (schedules control the conditions for drug sales in Canada) before it is an offence to sell it on the street. Therefore, new drugs are not illegal until they are first analyzed and included on a schedule. While time is spent on this, individuals using the drugs and society in general are at costly and unnecessary risk.

Look-alike drugs are products with psychoactive properties that resemble or mimic more potent controlled substances. These drugs contain large amounts of products like caffeine, ephedrine (used to relieve nasal congestion and hayfever) and phenylpropanolamine (found in some appetite suppressants and lozenges).

Precursors are substances that may be readily used to make psychoactive substances. They usually have no psychoactive properties.



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June 12, 1992

THE SUN, YOUR BABY AND YOU - A GUIDE TO SUN PROTECTION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today released a new publication entitled *The Sun, Your Baby and You*. The publication provides parents and caregivers with important sun care information, especially for children.

"Children are very vulnerable to the effects of ultraviolet rays -- 60 to 80 per cent of our exposure to the sun happens before we turn 18. So, it's important for everyone to realize that exposure to UV rays as a child can lead to health problems later in life," said Mr. Bouchard. "We must take personal responsibility for protecting ourselves and our children from overexposure to UV rays. *The Sun, Your Baby and You* will give everyone the information they need to help children avoid the dangers of the sun."

The Sun, Your Baby and You is a joint project undertaken by Health and Welfare Canada, the New Mother Group of Publications and the Canadian Dermatology Association. Approximately 1.3 million sun protection booklets will be distributed to parents through CHÂTELAINE, New Mother/Mère Nouvelle and Your Baby/Mon Enfant publications. Other distribution points will include parent resource centres, physicians' offices, hospitals and conferences on prenatal education.

Topics covered in the booklet include an explanation of the sun's ultraviolet rays; the thinning of the ozone layer; how to protect babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers from the sun; how to choose and use sunscreen for children; and how to use the new UV Index reported daily by Environment Canada.

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News Release

1992-57
June 18, 1992

HEALTH MINISTER PUTS FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME ON CANADA'S HEALTH AGENDA

HULL - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, is putting Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE) on Canada's health agenda.

"I am very concerned about FAS/FAE and sympathize with the families and communities who are coping with it," said Mr. Bouchard.

"Children are the government's priority. Healthy babies are a key focus in the government's recently announced *Brighter Futures* initiative and children and youth continue to be the main target of Canada's Drug Strategy. It is clear, however, that more must be done in the area of FAS/FAE," he added.

Mr. Bouchard will act to improve public awareness and understanding of FAS/FAE.

The Minister announced initiatives he will pursue in cooperation with provinces, territories and other stakeholders including the serious consideration of labelling to evaluate it in a Canadian context. "I am convinced," he said, "of the need to run a pilot labelling initiative with the support of one or more provinces, in order to have the information we need for an effective made in Canada approach."

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Mr. Bouchard will also convene a symposium in the Fall to elicit provincial, territorial, professional, Native and public input to the federal government's response to and implementation of the report on FAS/FAE by the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare. "I am looking forward," he said, "to the opportunity of bringing this important issue before the Canadian public."

In addition, the Minister has called for further research proposals that would strengthen Canada's knowledge base and build upon ongoing research such as the Medical Research Council's alcohol and animal tissue studies. The Minister also announced that Health and Welfare Canada will produce more informational material on FAS/FAE to help parents-to-be, teachers, medical practitioners and legislators understand and eradicate this entirely preventable disorder.

Mr. Bouchard made his announcements in conjunction with the just-released report of the Standing Committee's Health Issues Sub-committee chaired by Dr. Stan Wilbee (Member of Parliament for Delta) whose efforts Mr. Bouchard praised, "for its dedication to the issue and for raising public awareness to its current level."

The government will table its full response to the report's recommendations within 150 days.

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News Release

1992-60
June 24, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - UNDECLARED PEANUTS IN ALMOND COOKIES

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning people **allergic to peanuts** not to consume "**Hollandia**" **Grandmother Almond Cookies** packaged in 200g (7.0 oz) trays or 8 pounds bags. This product is manufactured by Hollandia Bakeries Ltd, Mount Brydges, Ontario and is distributed across Canada.

This product contains **MANDELONAS** which are flavoured peanut products used in foods to simulate almonds. The label of the product lists **MANDELONAS** as one of the ingredients but the presence of peanuts is not declared.

There has been one complaint concerning an allergic reaction to these cookies. This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. The manufacturer has voluntarily initiated a recall of this product and is fully cooperating with the HPB which is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

MANDELONAS may also be used in other food products and may not always be declared on the label as peanuts. HPB is surveying the market to identify any other products that may not be properly labelled. Should the survey identify any such products, appropriate corrective action will be taken to ensure that the products do not present a health risk for individuals sensitive to peanuts.

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OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN JULY

OTTAWA - The new rate for the federal Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 years old and over, will be \$376.31 per month from July to September 1992. This is an increase of \$1.87 per month over the previous quarter.

Other benefits will also increase for the July to September 1992 period.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$447.20 (from \$444.98) per month for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive the Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance. For each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance, the maximum will increase to \$291.29 (from \$289.84) per month.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA), paid to people aged 60 to 64 with a limited income who are married to GIS recipients, will be \$667.60 (up from \$664.28) per month.

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will be \$737.03 (up from \$733.37) per month.

The Old Age Security Act provides for benefit increases every three months by a factor based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Statistics Canada cost-of-living measure.

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BACKGROUNDER

OLD AGE SECURITY BENEFITS

Over the past six months, there have been a number of items in the news concerning the relatively small increases in Old Age Security (OAS) benefits.

However, it is important to remember how OAS benefits are calculated to reflect the cost of living.

The federal government started to index OAS benefits on a quarterly basis in 1973 as a way of providing seniors with a quick response to increases in the rate of inflation. This is an effective way of maintaining the purchasing value of OAS benefits. It means that when the cost of living is lower, the OAS benefit increase will be lower. Conversely, when the cost of living is higher the OAS benefit increase is also higher.

The increase is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consumer Price Index Ratio} &= \frac{(\text{CPI figures for February 1992 to April 1992})/3}{(\text{CPI figures for November 1991 to January 1992})/3} \\ &= \frac{(127.1 + 127.5 + 127.6)/3}{(127.0 + 126.4 + 127.0)/3} = 1.005 \\ &= \$374.44 \text{ (previous quarter OAS pension) } \times 1.005 \\ &= \$376.31 \text{ (new OAS rate)} \end{aligned}$$

Recipients who have questions about their OAS benefits should contact the nearest Income Security Programs Branch office of Health and Welfare Canada.

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1992-63
July 10, 1992

23,000 SENIORS BENEFIT FROM NEW HORIZONS PROJECTS WORTH \$1 MILLION

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 109 projects have been approved for more than \$1 million in funding under the New Horizons Program. These projects will involve close to 23,000 participants.

"New Horizons projects are as diverse as the communities they serve and are as innovative as the seniors who volunteer their time and effort to make them succeed," said Mme Vézina. "These projects help seniors maintain their independence, realize their aspirations and remain active participants in society."

The New Horizons Program and senior Canadians mark a 20-year partnership in 1992 and look forward to a continued alliance in addressing the needs of seniors.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

0-00854	Aguathuna, Port au Port West Leisure Association Club - \$18,535
0-00898	Baine Harbour, Baine Harbour Senior Citizens Group - \$2,400
0-00893	Blackhead, Seabreeze Club - \$3,220
0-00896	Paradise, Adventure Senior Citizens Club - \$4,317
0-00901	St. Anthony, St. Anthony 50+ Club, Inc. - \$24,226
0-00892	St. John's, Caribou Legion Manor Tenants Association - \$9,129
0-00894	St. Marys Bay, Pond View Senior Citizen Club - \$1,000
0-00900	Summerville, Seniors Resource Centre Committee - \$9,234

Prince Edward Island/Ile-du-Prince-Edouard

1-00426	West Royalty, West Royalty Senior Citizens Club - \$6,431
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Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

2-01623	Abram's River, Riverside Seniors' Group - \$10,210
2-01628	Amherst, Fundy Senior Games Association - \$8,505
2-01624	Church Point, Comité de Promotion de la Société Historique Baie Ste-Marie - \$6,947
2-01615	Dartmouth, The Edgemere Tenants' Association - \$6,905
2-01625	Halifax, Seniors in Support of Expo - \$15,000
2-01619	Inglewood, Inglewood and Area Choir "Good News Singers" - \$6,571
2-01627	Mount Uniacke, The Uniacke Jolly Jumpers Seniors Club - \$3,171
2-01622	Port Mouton, Golden Years Club - \$8,558

- 2-01621 Stellarton, Seniors Help Line Committee - Pictou Co-Council of Seniors - \$6,326
- 2-01612 Sydney, Resident Council of Breton Bay Nursing Home - \$2,000
- 2-01614 Sydney, The Residents Council of the Cove Guest Home - \$3,312

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

- 3-01549 Moncton, Foundry Place Senior Citizens Association - \$2,595

Quebec/Québec

- 4-13867 Amos, La troupe de théâtre de l'Age d'Or Harricana Amos - \$2,350
- 4-13889 Blainville, Popote N.D.A. - \$4,602
- 4-13356 Bois-des-Filion, Locataires du Jardin de L'Espérance - \$1,773
- 4-13577 Esprit-Saint, Club d'Age d'Or "La Bonne Entente" - \$9,422
- 4-13263 Lachenaie, Le Comité des Locataires de la Résidence des Fleurs - \$1,877
- 4-13716 Les Cèdres, Age d'Or Les Cèdres - \$7,584
- 4-13878 Mont-St-Grégoire, Age d'Or Centre des Aînés - \$18,532
- 4-13447 Montréal, R.I.R.E.S. - \$8,068
- 4-13505 Notre-Dame du Lac, L'Entraide Fraternelle de Notre-Dame du Lac Inc. - \$8,663
- 4-13252 Notre-Dame-des-Pins, Club Joie & Sérénité - \$3,805
- 4-13982 Pointe Claire, Le groupe des quinze - \$4,404
- 4-13251 Repentigny, Club de l'Age d'Or de Repentigny - \$11,368
- 4-13825 St-Bernard, Lien-Partage Inc. de St-Bernard - \$7,896
- 4-13813 St-Dominique du Rosaire, Les Débrouillardes 500 - \$3,841

4-13777	St-Georges, Les Résidents de l'Ardoise - \$6,882
4-13453	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Association des Employés Retraités de Formica - \$10,889
4-13322	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Comité des Locataires du 260 Notre-Dame - \$4,337
4-13276	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Comité des Locataires du 495 rue Laurier - \$4,126
4-13794	Ste-Catherine, Les Glaneuses - \$2,359
4-13851	Ste-Hénédine, Lien-Partage Inc. de Ste-Hénédine - \$4,811
4-13681	Ste-Thècle, Age d'Or Affilié Les Vaillants du Jésuite - \$8,288
4-13749	Ste-Thècle, Cercle de l'Amitié - \$4,877
4-13831	Senneterre, Association des Retraités du CN - Section Abitibi - \$3,310
4-13711	Shawinigan, Les Légionnaires de la Mauricie - \$11,138
4-13521	Shawinigan-Sud, Groupe de retraités et pré-retraités bénévoles - \$2,100
4-13369	Terrebonne, Résidents du Pavillon des Mille-Iles - \$1,273
4-13470	Trois-Rivières, Citoyens retraités Résidence Fernand Goneau - \$3,725
4-13715	Trois-Rivières, Comité Amitié des Résidents du Domaine Cascade - \$10,749
4-13441	Vallée-Jonction, Lien-Partage Inc. de Vallée-Jonction - \$4,811
4-13443	Valleyfield, Age d'Or Fil D'Argent - \$7,779
4-13253	Valleyfield, Club de l'Age d'Or au Coeur de l'Amitié - \$5,985
4-13440	Valleyfield, Club Récréatif St-Charles Inc. - \$6,718
4-13717	Vaudreuil, Association des locataires du "Domaine de la Baie" Vaudreuil - \$2,420

Ontario/Ontario

5-10823	Acton, Halton Seniors T.V. Productions - \$3,636
5-10805	Bolton, Ontario Senior Games Committee - \$47,342
5-10799	Brampton, Genesis Activities Group - \$4,508
5-10817	Brampton, The Brampton Senior Citizens Council - \$2,974
5-10812	Callander, Keeling Park Seniors Club - \$4,401
5-10811	Corbeil, Nipissing Manor Resident Council - \$7,159
5-10822	Guelph, Evergreen Seniors Physical Activity Group - \$14,282
5-10816	Guelph, Holy Rosary Parish Young in Spirit Group - \$11,990
5-10801	Guelph, Lutheridge Seniors - \$6,646
5-10800	Guelph, The Golden Rollers - \$5,935
5-10826	Haliburton, Haliburton County Home Support Services - \$25,989
5-10818	Innerkip, Thamescrest Seniors - \$4,690
5-10819	Kitchener, Gofer Productions - \$45,915
5-10820	London, Reflections - Past and Present - \$31,705
5-10810	Longlac, Senior's Club - Club d'âge d'or - \$7,519
5-10806	Mississauga, Chelsey Park Seniors Group - \$7,606
5-10798	Mississauga, Forum Italia Circle - \$14,585
5-10813	North Bay, The 480 Olive Club - \$5,704
5-10789	North York, AWIC Seniors Club - \$19,787
5-10803	Peterborough, Meals on Wheel Committee of Peterborough - \$21,912
5-10796	Powassan, Golden Sunshine Club - \$4,321

5-10809	Sault Ste. Marie, Elim Prime Timers - \$11,947
5-10790	Scarborough, Holy Trinity Armenian Church Seniors - \$5,750
5-10791	Scarborough, Neilson' Seniors Club - \$13,079
5-10804	Scarborough, Scarborough Showstoppers - \$6,263
5-10807	Stouffville, Parkview Village Clusterites - \$2,352
5-10815	Toronto, "Horizons 92" Seniors on the Move - \$64,252
5-10821	Toronto, The Seniors Performing Arts Company - \$84,596
5-10814	Toronto, United Senior Citizens of Ontario Inc. - \$46,743
5-10788	West Hill, Morningside Seniors Club - \$3,922
5-10808	Windsor, New Horizons 20th Anniversary Committee - \$26,053
5-10632	Windsor, Resident Council - Chateau Park Nursing Home - \$7,884

Manitoba/Manitoba

6-01823	Winnipeg, Merrie Meadowlarks - \$10,712
6-01821	Winnipeg, St. Alban's Quilters Group - \$3,120
6-01818	Winnipeg, SAM's Auxiliary - \$30,396
6-01817	Winnipeg, Transcona Retired Citizens Organization - \$30,000

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-03106	Estevan, Hirisers Association Inc. - \$3,502
7-03107	Kennedy, Kennedy Friendship Club Wellness Clinic - \$2,501
7-03108	Macklin, Macklin & District History Book Committee - \$5,358
7-03109	Moose Jaw, 55 Plus Provincial Senior Games Committee - \$6,675

- 7-03110 Regina, Herchmer Place Social Club - \$2,354
- 7-03104 Swift Current, Prairie Pioneers Lodge Resident Council - \$5,636

Alberta/Alberta

- 8-02533 Ardrossan, Glen Garden Senior Citizens - \$1,575
- 8-02526 Calgary, Phil-Can Seniors Musical Society - \$9,560
- 8-02534 Edmonton, Edmonton Vietnamese Seniors' Cultural Association - \$19,050
- 8-02535 Edmonton, Mayfield Seniors - \$1,729
- 8-02538 Edmonton, Seniors' Multicultural Video Information Program Committee - \$18,180
- 8-02536 Fort Saskatchewan, Fort Seniors Radio Committee - \$18,272
- 8-02518 Grande Prairie, Wild Rose Manor Residents Council - \$2,947
- 8-02531 Medicine Hat, Cypress View Foudation Resident Club - \$10,362
- 8-02508 Viking, Viking Seniors Club - \$1,583

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

- 9-04174 Vancouver, First Seniors' Resources and Research Society - \$96,500
- 9-04172 Vancouver, Sholem Aleichem Seniors - \$21,052
- 9-04171 Vernon, Seniors Well-Being Group - \$14,627

Northwest Territories/Territoires du Nord-Ouest

- 11-00039 Rankin Inlet, Katuutiit Kangiqlinirmi - \$18,785



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News Release

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July 14, 1992

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today announced the federal government will participate in the VIIIth International Conference on AIDS/III STD World Congress to be held in Amsterdam from July 19 to 24, 1992.

This internationally recognized Conference will bring together about 10,000 scientists, community, governmental and non-governmental organizations, providers of care and support, and people living with HIV/AIDS from over 125 countries. In light of the acknowledged expertise of Canadian researchers and scientists in the field of HIV/AIDS, Health and Welfare officials were asked to present findings and participate in the Conference.

Health and Welfare Canada, together with its key partners on HIV/AIDS, will also sponsor an exhibit under the theme "Canada... Together Against AIDS." These partners include the Canadian AIDS Society, Canadian Public Health Association, Canadian Hemophilia Society, Canadian International Development Agency, Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, Canadian Association for HIV Research and International Development Research Centre.

The exhibit illustrates that partnership is a powerful instrument for change in the fight against AIDS. Its purpose is to showcase the work of the Canadian partners on HIV/AIDS.

"HIV and AIDS continue to be a pressing health and social issue of our times," said Mr. Bouchard. "The federal government is committed to strengthening present partnerships and building new ones to ensure a sustained and balanced response to HIV and AIDS in Canada."

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New results of basic, clinical and epidemiological research from around the world will be presented at the Conference. The social impact and response to the AIDS pandemic will also be examined and discussed from community-based, national and international perspectives.

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July 15, 1992



INFORMATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED ON THE APPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIHISTAMINES

OTTAWA - The Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, announced today that the Health Protection Branch (HPB) of the Department has taken new measures to ensure the continued safe use of over-the-counter antihistamines.

Antihistamines have a long history of safe use in Canada. While most individuals can use antihistamines without problems, there is growing evidence internationally of rare adverse effects in some individuals.

As a result of a thorough review of this evidence, as well as Canadian data, HPB will provide doctors and pharmacists with new information on these adverse effects and profiles of individuals likely to be at increased risk. Also, the labelling on the two drugs involved, terfenadine (Seldane) and astemizole (Hismanal) will be changed to include specific warnings about who should not use these drugs.

In order to bring these changes to the attention of all users, HPB has recommended to provincial Registrars of Pharmacy that these products be moved to the pharmacist-controlled areas (behind the counter) of all pharmacies.

Both drugs will continue to be available without prescription; however, the new measures will permit the pharmacist to discuss appropriate antihistamine use prior to purchase or refer users to their physicians.

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This information campaign is part of an overall effort to keep Canadians informed on health-related matters. Misuse of medication is responsible for a growing number of illnesses and hospitalizations in Canada. It is important for anyone using medication, whether prescription or over the counter, to recognize the potential harm of taking more than one drug without professional supervision.

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ANTIHISTAMINES AND ALLERGIES

What is an antihistamine?

During illness, infection or allergy, certain cells of the body release a substance called histamine as part of the immune response. The effects of histamine vary throughout the body, but include some of the symptoms commonly associated with colds and allergies such as runny nose, itchy watery eyes and inflamed sinuses. Antihistamines suppress histamine release and alleviate some of these symptoms. Classical antihistamines are used in many cough and cold medications. While these may dry up a runny nose, they also cause drowsiness. The newer, non-sedating antihistamines relieve allergy symptoms and do not cause drowsiness.

Why are antihistamines available over-the-counter in Canada, but not in the United States?

Different countries regulate drugs slightly differently. Until recently, several cough and cold medications available over-the-counter in Canada required a prescription in the United States. Non-prescription use of antihistamines has only occurred in the last decade in the U.S., whereas in Canada, there has been a long history of safe use of antihistamines for both cough and cold and allergy relief. In most countries antihistamines are available over-the-counter. The United States Food and Drug Administration is currently considering moving some antihistamines to over-the-counter status.

What non-sedating antihistamines are approved to relieve allergy symptoms?

In Canada, three different drugs - terfenadine, astemizole and loratadine - are approved as over-the-counter allergy medication. These drugs are contained in Seldane, Hismanal and Claritin respectively. Based on new information about potential side effects, the Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada recommends that pharmacists move two of these medications, terfenadine and astemizole, behind the counter at all pharmacies. In addition, HPB will provide information on these side effects and who may be at increased risk to all pharmacists and doctors. Labelling on the packages will be changed to include specific warnings against use in certain circumstances.

Why is the Health Protection Branch moving Seldane and Hismanal behind the counter, but not making them prescription drugs?

As more and more people use different medications, new information about possible side effects becomes known. There is emerging evidence internationally that some potentially serious cardiac effects, including death, may occur in rare instances. The HPB is providing this new information to doctors and pharmacists so that they can advise those seeking relief from allergy symptoms. Moving these drugs to the pharmacist controlled area will ensure that patients are advised of when to and when not to take these medications based on the latest information.

There have been no deaths in Canada, but there have been adverse cardiac effects reported-most due to overdose. By making these drugs available from behind the counter, pharmacists will be able to discuss proper dosing so that future incidents or overdosing can be avoided. The effectiveness of these new measures will be monitored by HPB.

What are the concerns regarding terfenadine (Seldane)?

Terfenadine can interact with ketoconazole (Nozaryl), an antifungal prescription drug, or erythromycin, a prescription antibiotic, and can cause irregular heartbeat. In addition, persons with heart disease, liver disease or metabolic diseases which affect electrolyte balance can also experience irregular heartbeats. There are no such reports in Canada but a small number of international cases, including fatalities, have been reported. There have been no deaths in Canada associated with use of products containing terfenadine.

Is terfenadine safe for over-the-counter use?

The side effects reported are extremely rare. Most individuals, excluding those with the above mentioned conditions, can use terfenadine safely. To ensure the continued safe use of this drug in Canada, the labelling will be changed for all terfenadine products (including generics) to include warnings about specific drug interactions and underlying diseases which may increase the risk of adverse effects with terfenadine use. All current stock will be overlabelled by manufacturers as soon as possible.

What should I do if I am taking terfenadine medication?

Never use more than one drug without first checking with your doctor or pharmacist. Do not exceed the daily dosage recommended on the label. If you have an underlying medical condition, especially liver or heart disease, stop using this drug until you have contacted your doctor. If you are not taking ketoconazole (Nozaryl) or erythromycin, do not have heart, liver or metabolic disease, and have experienced no adverse effects, continue using terfenadine as directed on the package.

What are the concerns regarding astemizole (Hismanal)?

Persons with specific heart conditions or metabolic diseases which affect the electrolyte balance can experience irregular heartbeats. Individuals with heart disease may be at increased risk for adverse effects with astemizole.

Is astemizole safe for over-the-counter use?

The side effects reported are extremely rare. Most individuals can continue to use this drug. However those with heart disease should stop using astemizole until they have contacted their doctor.

What should I do if I am taking astemizole?

Never use more than one drug without first checking with your doctor or pharmacist. Do not exceed the daily dose recommended on the label. If you are taking the usual recommended dose, have none of the above risk factors and are not experiencing any adverse effects, you can continue to use astemizole as directed.

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NEW REQUIRED WARNING LABELLING

TERFENADINE (Seldane)

The statement "Do not exceed recommended dosage" should immediately follow the daily dosage regimen.

"Do not use if you have heart disease unless authorized by a physician. This drug should not be used by individuals with liver disease (chronic alcoholism, hepatitis), and metabolic disease (disturbance in electrolyte balances)."

"DO NOT USE IF YOU ARE TAKING KETOCONAZOLE OR ERYTHROMYCIN. Consult your physician or pharmacist prior to use if you are taking any other prescription medications."

ASTEMIZOLE (Hismanal)

The statement "Do not exceed recommended dosage" should immediately follow the daily dosage regimen.

"This drug should not be used by individuals with heart disease, or metabolic disease (disturbance in electrolyte balances)."

"Consult your physician or pharmacist prior to use if you are taking any prescription medications."

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WELFARE FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED FOR 1992-93

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare today announced the awarding of National Welfare Fellowships to 16 Canadians.

The fellowships for doctoral studies, granted through the National Welfare Grants Program of Health and Welfare Canada, are intended to develop leadership potential.

"There is an increasing need to encourage students in the areas of teaching, research, social policy and planning, administration, and practice in the Canadian social welfare field. The granting of fellowships, which are valued at approximately \$16,000, and other related expenses will assist students dedicated to social services," said Mr. Bouchard.

Mr. Bouchard also announced the recipient of the Carter Fellowship, established in September 1988 in honour of Professor Novia Hébert Carter's distinguished career in the field of social welfare. Professor Carter worked with the Canadian Council on Social Development, taught in the School of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Waterloo and was Head of the Department of Family Studies at the University of Manitoba.

The Carter Fellowship is awarded to Christopher Walmsley of Vancouver.

A complete list of successful fellowship recipients follows.

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Wanda BERNARD	Darmouth, NS	Sheffield (UK)
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Dominique DAMANT	Québec, PQ	Laval
Roy HANES	Ottawa, ON	McGill
Donald LESLIE	Thunder Bay, ON	Georgia (US)
Mary Maureen MACDONALD	Canning, NS	Warwick (UK)
Grahame MEREDITH	Hamilton, ON	Toronto
Kenneth James MOFFATT	Toronto, ON	Toronto
Amoy Yuk Mui ONG	Prince George, BC	Toronto
Myra PIAT	Montréal, PQ	Laval
Norma Jean PROFITT	Halifax, NS	Wilfrid Laurier
Gilles RENAULT	Alexandria, ON	Wilfrid Laurier
Hugh SHEWELL	Vancouver, BC	Toronto
Susan SILVA-WAYNE	Toronto, ON	Wilfrid Laurier
Tracy SWAN	Hamilton, ON	Wilfrid Laurier

NOVIA HÉBERT CARTER FELLOWSHIP

Christopher WALMSLEY	Vancouver, BC	Laval
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August 14, 1992

**ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF PEANUT BUTTER
IN CHRISTIE RITZ BITS SANDWICHES WITH REAL CHEESE**

MONTREAL - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, based on information received from Nabisco Brands Ltd, is warning consumers allergic to peanuts not to consume Christie RITZ BITS Sandwiches with Real Cheese bearing the numbers 321 as part of the lot numbers on the top of the box.

These packages may contain sandwiches with peanut butter filling which were accidentally packed in boxes of 250 g. marked "Sandwiches with Real Cheese". Approximately 144 cases of product may contain these erroneously packed sandwiches. The affected lot was only distributed in the province of Quebec.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Nabisco Brands Ltd of Toronto, Ontario, is voluntarily withdrawing the affected lot from retail stores and is providing a telephone hot line (1-800-663-9964) for consumers who may have any questions regarding this matter.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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1992-68
August 18, 1992

CANADA AND ST. KITTS AND NEVIS SIGN SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and the St. Kittian Minister of Health, Women's Affairs and Labour, the Honourable Constance Mitcham, yesterday signed an agreement on social security between Canada and St. Kitts and Nevis.

This agreement coordinates the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with comparable social security programs of St. Kitts and Nevis which provide old age, invalidity and survivor's benefits.

Both Canada and St. Kitts require that certain residence and/or contributory conditions are met before individuals may qualify for benefits. Under the terms of the Agreement, these conditions are eased for persons who reside or have resided in Canada and St. Kitts and who have contributed to the social security programs. In this way, persons will now be assured social security protection.

Once eligibility is established, the Agreement provides a means of calculating the amount of benefit to be paid in accordance with its own legislation. The amount of benefit payable is determined on the basis of the periods of residence or contributions credited to the person in the country.

This Agreement will come into force after the governments of both countries have completed the ratification procedures required by their respective laws.

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Similar agreements have been concluded with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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August 24, 1992

HEALTH MINISTER TAKES ON CHALLENGE TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT ACTION ON MEDICAL DEVICES

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard today affirmed the Government's support of the recommendations of the Medical Devices Review Committee. The result of months of intense discussion and public input, the report, entitled *Direction for Change* makes 45 recommendations to the federal government.

"I believe this report gives us the opportunity to strengthen the Government's continuing efforts to protect and promote the health of Canadians," said Mr. Bouchard. "I embrace the spirit of the report and am prepared to take action immediately."

A key recommendation of the Committee calls for the development, in consultation with stakeholders, of a long-range strategic plan for the implementation of an improved medical devices regulatory program.

"I have asked Mr. Ambrose Hearn, the Chairman of the Committee, to take on this task and to proceed as quickly as possible," said Mr. Bouchard. "Specifically, Mr. Hearn will develop an action plan to determine how to best implement the report's recommendations, in order that we may more effectively carry out our mandate and meet the challenges of the 21st century."

The use of medical devices in health care is an area that has grown rapidly over the last decade. Medical devices are an essential component of the restoration and maintenance of health of all Canadians.

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"The Committee's report has found that the regulation of medical devices in this country is sound but with the progress in science and market globalization, change in the management of medical devices is and will continue to be necessary," said Mr. Bouchard. "We intend to move in this area immediately."

The Medical Devices Review Committee was established in February 1991 to make recommendations to the Minister of National Health and Welfare about the regulation of medical devices and associated activities. Members of the Committee were chosen to ensure that all major stakeholders in the medical devices regulatory process would be heard.

Copies of the report are available from the Publications Unit, Communications Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, Jeanne Mance Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9 or by calling (613) 952-9191.

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August 27, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - UNDECLARED ALMONDS IN FAMOUS BRAND HEAVENLY HASH ICE CREAM

TORONTO - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, based on information received from Ault Foods Limited of Toronto, Ontario, is warning consumers **allergic to almonds** not to consume Famous Brand Heavenly Hash Ice Cream bearing lot numbers L2204 and L2226 on the bottom of the carton.

These lots of Famous Brand Heavenly Hash Ice Cream, packaged in 2 L square cartons contain almonds which are not declared on the label. Approximately 8,000 cartons of this erroneously labelled product have been distributed in the province of Ontario only.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to almonds. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Ault Foods Limited has voluntarily initiated a recall of the implicated lots from retail stores and is providing a Consumer Service Line (416) 442-2387 for persons who may have questions regarding this matter.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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CLOSE TO \$1.5 MILLION GRANTED FOR SENIORS PROJECTS

OTTAWA - The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of State for Seniors, today announced that 160 projects have been approved for funding of almost \$1,500,000 under the New Horizons Program. These projects will involve nearly 18,500 participants.

"In the past 20 years the New Horizons Program has involved seniors from rural communities, large urban centres, remote villages in the North, coastal islands and Native communities in projects such as peer counselling, meals-on-wheels, home visits, recycling programs, volunteer and self-help activities, just to name a few," said Mme Vézina. "Over those 20 years, the Program has benefitted close to five million Canadians."

Many of these projects have been tangible demonstrations of the vitality, enthusiasm and imagination of older, retired citizens. Their determination and hard work have contributed immensely to the enrichment of the social and cultural life of the country.

To date, 556 projects have been funded during this fiscal year for a total amount of \$5,170,795.

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Newfoundland/Terre-Neuve

- 0-00902 Badger, Sunset Senior's Club - \$3,023
- 0-00897 Burin, Golden Age Group of Burin - \$930
- 0-00899 Corner Brook, Humbermouth Rail Freight Shed Restoration Committee
Railway Society of Newfoundland - \$19,000

Prince Edward Island/Ile-du-Prince-Édouard

- 1-00427 Alberton, Alberton Silver Threads - \$5,671
- 1-00428 Kensington, Kensington Seniors Sunset Club - \$4,707
- 1-00429 North Tryon, North Tryon Historical Association - \$7,931

Nova Scotia/Nouvelle-Écosse

- 2-01620 Antigonish, Club "60" - Antigonish - \$3,978
- 2-01630 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Stroke Club - \$2,351
- 2-01632 Halifax, Halifax Stroke Club - \$8,137
- 2-01636 Middle Musquodoboit, The Braeside Bunch - \$2,500
- 2-01637 Pugwash, North Cumberland Historical Society - \$4,844
- 2-01635 Shelburne, Roseway Manor Bird Watcher Club - \$2,310
- 2-01640 Shelburne, Shelburne County Seniors Information Committee - \$7,944
- 2-01631 Sydney, Sydney Forks Ballroom Dancing Society - \$1,540
- 2-01613 Sydney Forks, Rural Community Circle Club - \$9,500

New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick

3-01554	Campbellton, Richardsville Golden Age - \$6,677
3-01540	Chipman, Chipman Outreach Incorporated - \$2,856
3-01546	Florenceville, Friendship Senior Citizens - \$950
3-01557	Hampton, Hampton Seniors Resource Centre - \$7,254
3-01550	Kingston, Kingston Friendship Group - \$15,521
3-01553	Moncton, Le Club d'Age d'Or du Christ-Roi - \$31,195
3-01547	Oromocto, Oromocto Re Cycled Teenagers - \$3,450
3-01538	Richibucto, Club Beau-Séjour - \$1,325
3-01533	Rogersville, Le Club d'Age d'Or de Rogersville Inc. - \$4,640
3-01548	St-Hilaire, La Coop du Club d'Age d'Or de St-Hilaire - \$3,649
3-01544	St-Jacques, Club d'Age d'Or de St-Jacques Coop. Ltd. - \$15,988
3-01559	Saint Joseph, Comité organisateur de l'Échange provincial du Nouveau-Brunswick - \$17,187

Quebec/Québec

4-13308	Baie-Johan-Beetz, Club de l'Age d'Or - \$857
4-13442	Beauharnois, A.Q.D.R. - \$2,316
4-13768	Beauport, L'Arc-en-ciel - \$2,612
4-13635	Beebe, Club de l'Age d'Or Beebe Inc. - \$20,731
4-13629	Chandler, L'Association des pré-Retraités et Retraités de la Gaspesia Inc. - \$9,502
4-13960	Châteauguay, Les Champlenois - \$7,383

4-13679	Deux-Montagnes, Résidents du Centre d'Accueil Grand Moulin - \$7,245
4-13807	Gatineau, Ligue de quilles Sel & Poivre - \$5,215
4-13854	Hull, Bénévoles de l'Académie de Gériologie de l'Outaouais - \$3,670
4-13821	Iberville, L'Association des Locataires de L'Office Municipal D'Habitation D'Iberville - \$4,999
4-13801	Lac-Drolet, Comité de bénévoles A.B.C. Inc. du Lac-Drolet - \$13,665
4-13771	Lacolle, Coopérative D'Habitation de Lacolle - \$4,537
4-13498	Laval, Groupe de la Résidence Jean-Paul II - \$6,395
4-13628	Laval, Les Aînés du Marigot - \$5,011
4-13780	Loretteville, Les Vigilants - \$6,940
4-13326	Maria, Comité Centre de jour St-Alphonse - Nouvelle - \$8,967
4-13719	Montréal, Association des locataires de l'Habitation Jean-Paul Beaudry - \$3,510
4-13820	Montréal, Club des Anciens Combattants à l'Age d'Or 3055 Inc. - \$3,401
4-13853	Montréal, Stella Al Pina Fem. - \$3,472
4-13842	Montréal-Nord, Comité des bénéficiaires du Manoir Françoise - \$5,501
4-13896	Montréal-Nord, Loisirs Caroline - \$4,401
4-13390	New Richmond, Les Soleils Couchants Inc. de New Richmond - \$20,771
4-13609	North Hatley, Meals-on-Wheel North Hatley and Township of Hatley - \$10,609
4-13741	Notre-Dame de Pierreville, Association des Joyeux Retraités de N.D. de Pierreville - \$7,553
4-13729	Québec, Comité des 10 - \$6,850

4-13601	Québec, L'Association des Retraité(e)s du Gouvernement du Québec Inc. Région Québec-est - \$4,815
4-13574	Québec, Le Groupe Harphan des Neiges - \$4,152
4-13496	Rosemère, Comité des résidents du Manoir Hubert Maisonneuve - \$5,404
4-13637	St-André-Avellin, Club Vallée d'Or - \$8,074
4-13627	St-Charles-de-Drummond, Age d'Or St-Charles de Drummond - \$6,289
4-13403	St-Chrysostome, Les Aînés de Chez Nous - \$7,218
4-13269	St-Clément, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Clément - \$3,282
4-13699	St-Édouard, Club du Sourire St-Édouard de Lotbinière - \$11,027
4-13461	St-Eustache, Comité des Loisirs Le Châtelain Enrg. - \$4,991
4-13744	St-Fabien, Les Locataires de la Villa Emmanuel - \$2,021
4-13331	St-Germain, Club de l'Age d'Or Amitié & Fraternité - \$8,255
4-13545	St-Hubert, Agadouce St-Hubert - \$10,294
4-13306	St-Hubert, Les Résidents du Pavillon Durocher - \$5,295
4-13109	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Les Pensionnés de la Résidence - \$3,873
4-13818	St-Jérôme, Association des Retraités de l'Enseignement du Québec Secteur 10C St-Jérôme - \$8,836
4-13677	St-Louis de Gonzague, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Louis de Gonzague Inc. - \$5,923
4-13754	St-Marcellin, Club de l'Age d'Or de St-Marcellin - \$5,176
4-13421	St-Timothée, Age d'Or St-Timothée - \$4,361
4-13632	Ste-Foy, Habitation - Vital (Bénéficiaires) - \$5,139
4-13726	Ste-Justine, Club de l'Age d'Or Ste-Justine - \$3,834

4-13735	Ste-Sophie-de-Lévrard, Gerbe d'Or - \$9,030
4-13658	Shawinigan-Sud, Club de Loisirs des Habitations Ernest-Morand - \$3,756
4-13428	Shawinigan-Sud, Club récréatif des aînés de St-André Shawinigan-Sud Inc. - \$8,590
4-13533	Sherbrooke, Association des Retraités de la Commission Scolaire Catholique de Sherbrooke - \$19,498
4-13989	Squatec, Club des Bénévoles de Squatec Inc. - \$6,890
4-13648	Terrebonne, Groupe de l'Amitié - \$3,084
4-13614	Trois-Rivières, Club de l'âge d'Or St-Francois-D'Assise - \$6,716
4-13405	Village Huron, Club Age d'Or Village Huron OT90 - \$8,915
4-13302	Ville St-Gabriel, Club Maski-Pétanque de Ville St-Gabriel Inc. - \$7,593
4-13273	Waterville, Le Club des Femmes Actives - \$1,795

Ontario/Ontario

5-10856	Ailsa Craig, Craigwiell Day Centre for Seniors - \$5,444
5-10853	Arkona, Arkona Arts and Crafts - \$5,611
5-10824	Bobcaygeon, Bobcaygeon Meals on Wheels Committee - \$9,500
5-10849	Brampton, Tullamore Busy Bees - \$5,865
5-10852	Chatham, Park St. United Church History Book Committee - \$9,691
5-10841	Collingwood, The Young at Heart Seniors Club - \$3,424
5-10848	Georgetown, Kincourt Tenant Association - \$3,226
5-10846	Guelph, Evergreen Seniors Snooker Club - \$11,859
5-10858	Guelph, Meadowcroft Merry Makers - \$4,567

5-10844	Hamilton, Hamilton Seniors Association - \$8,390
5-10843	Hamilton, Vanier Seniors Social Get Together - \$7,300
5-10845	Keene, Otonabee Court Seniors - \$12,322
5-10861	Keswick, Keswick Gardens Friendship Club - \$11,301
5-10859	London, Chelsey Park Activators - \$27,537
5-10847	Markham, Markham Chinese Seniors Association (F.C.C.M. Seniors Committee) - \$16,101
5-10829	Oshawa, Bestview Oshawa New Horizons Club - \$9,442
5-10855	Pelee Island, Pelee Island Golden Era Club - \$3,951
5-10842	St. Catharines, Martindale Place Tenants Association - \$15,992
5-10838	Sault Ste. Marie, Mauno Kaihla Koti Residents' Council - \$4,856
5-10832	Sault Ste. Marie, St. Georges Busy Bee's - \$4,166
5-10834	Sault Ste. Marie, Y.M.C.A. Retiree Fitness Club - \$6,881
5-10862	Southampton, Chantry Centre Seniors - \$34,335
5-10833	South Porcupine, Finnish Seniors' Coffee Club - \$10,000
5-09946	Thunder Bay, Central Park Lodge Resident Council - \$6,016
5-09947	Thunder Bay, Hoe-Downer's - \$7,037
5-10835	Timmins, Mountjoy Towers Senior Club The Busy Bunch - \$5,373
5-10836	Timmins, Senior Centre Carpet Bowling and Camera Club - \$4,810
5-10837	Timmins, Senior Citizen Fitness Club - \$8,436
5-10825	Toronto, Club de Seniors Hispanos - \$13,784
5-10831	Toronto, G.R.A.N.D. Society - \$15,942

5-10827	Toronto, Ontario HWA Sheng Chinese Opera Group Incorporated - \$5,010
5-10828	Toronto, The Belmont House Cookbook Committee - \$8,000
5-10830	Toronto, The Pillars - \$6,685
5-10854	Wheatley, Wheatley Lawn Bowling Club - \$13,718
5-10840	Warton, MODOKE (Caring) Seniors' Group - \$21,605
5-10860	Windsor, South Asian Senior Citizens of Windsor - \$15,535
5-10850	Windsor, Windsor Chinese Seniors - \$8,389
5-10857	Woodstock, New Horizons Group - \$12,601

Manitoba/Manitoba

6-01831	Gladstone, Gladstone Seniors Inc. - \$6,130
6-01820	Newdale, Early Birds - \$6,140
6-01815	Victoria Beach, Senior Scene Inc. - \$16,718
6-01824	Warren, Warren Senior Friendship Club - \$2,568
6-01816	Winnipeg, Kingford Haus Seniors - \$7,870
6-01832	Winnipeg, Towers of Polo Park Seniors T.O.P.P.S - \$1,500

Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan

7-03114	Nipawin, Pioneer House Recreation Club - \$2,850
7-02935	Prud'homme, Prud'homme Silver Age Club - \$5,150
7-03115	St. Benedict, St. Benedict - Reynaud Area History Book Committee - \$4,999

7-03117 St. Louis, St. Joseph Seniors' Club Inc. - \$5,010

7-03128 Saskatoon, Metis Storytellers - \$4,847

Alberta/Alberta

8-02543 Calgary, Circle 60 - \$3,978

8-02546 Calgary, Monahan 55 Plus Group - \$4,650

8-02547 Calgary, Older Women's Long-Term Survival Project - \$39,900

8-02539 Calmar, Sun-Lite Senior's Club - \$3,103

8-02552 Edmonton, Autumn Leaves Senior Society - \$3,365

8-02537 Edmonton, Beverly Active Seniors Society - \$1,508

8-02551 Edmonton, Everyday English for Everyone Group - \$4,631

8-02554 Edmonton, Heritage East Seniors Action Club - \$6,933

8-02541 Edmonton, Millwoods Cultural Society of Retired and Semi-Retired - \$16,349

8-02555 Edmonton, Society Senior Statistical Project (S.S.S.P.) - \$44,852

8-02550 Edmonton, The Edmonton Old Timer's Fishing Club - \$10,458

8-02542 Hamlet of St. Michael, Golden Age Club - \$7,665

8-02557 Jasper, Jasper Seniors Society Seniors Outreach Project - \$33,435

8-02556 Lethbridge, Japanese Heritage (Bunka) Society - \$6,100

8-02545 Lomond, Lomond Sunshine Drop In Centre - \$2,190

8-02544 Medicine Hat, Dunmore South Seniors History Book Group - \$2,475

8-02553 St. Albert, North Ridge Lodge Activities Club - \$6,438

8-02540 St. Isidore, Le Club du Bon Temps de St. Isidore - \$1,752

- 8-02523 Sexsmith, The Sexsmith & District Seniors Association - \$21,687
- 8-02548 Slave Lake, Slave Lake Pioneers - \$15,535

British Columbia/Colombie-Britannique

- 9-04173 Chilliwack, Chilliwack Lawn Bowling Society - \$8,323
- 9-04181 North Vancouver, Holy Trinity Historical Society - \$3,858
- 9-04175 Parksville, Keenagers Klub - \$3,782
- 9-04178 Penticton, Seniors Serving Seniors - \$11,432
- 9-04179 Vancouver, Continental Seniors Centre Group - \$43,212
- 9-04182 Vancouver, Pacific Rim Seniors' Society - \$15,551
- 9-04180 Vancouver, Seniors Wellness Connections Conference Planning Committee - \$49,407
- 9-04176 Victoria, Fairfield Activity Centre Society (New Horizons) - \$32,550
- 9-04177 Victoria, Victoria Citadel Seniors Ensemble - \$5,608



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CANADA AND ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA SIGN A SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

OTTAWA - The Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Acting High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda, Ms. Deborah-Mae Lovell, today signed an agreement on social security between Canada and Antigua and Barbuda.

This agreement coordinates the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with a comparable social security program of Antigua and Barbuda which provides old age, invalidity and survivor's benefits.

Both Canada and Antigua and Barbuda require that certain residence and/or contributory conditions are met before individuals may qualify for benefits. Under the terms of the Agreement, these conditions are eased for persons who reside or have resided in Canada and Antigua and Barbuda and who have contributed to the social security programs. In this way, persons will now be assured social security protection.

Once eligibility for a benefit is established, the Agreement provides a means of calculating the amount of benefit to be paid in accordance with the applicable legislation. The amount of benefit payable is determined on the basis of the periods of residence or contributions credited to the person in that country.

This Agreement will come into force after the governments of both countries have completed the ratification procedures required by their respective laws.

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Similar agreements have been concluded with Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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News Release



1992-73
September 11, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - UNDECLARED ALMONDS IN FAMOUS BRAND HEAVENLY HASH ICE CREAM

TORONTO - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers **allergic to almonds** not to consume Famous Brand Heavenly Hash Ice Cream bearing lot numbers L2211 and L2234 on the bottom of the carton. The label identifies the manufacturer of this product as being Ault Foods Limited of Toronto, Ontario.

These lots of Famous Brand Heavenly Hash Ice Cream, packaged in 2 L square cartons contain almonds which are not declared on the label. Approximately 13,000 cartons of this erroneously labelled product have been distributed in the province of Ontario only.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to almonds. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Ault Foods Limited has voluntarily initiated a recall of the implicated lots from retail stores and is providing a Consumer Service Line (416) 442-2387 for persons who may have questions regarding this matter. The firm recalled lots L2204 and L2226 on August 27, 1992 due to a similar problem. An allergy alert was issued at that time.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1992-75
September 24, 1992

OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN OCTOBER

OTTAWA - The new rate for the federal Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 years old and over, will be \$378.19 per month from October to December 1992. This is an increase of \$1.88 per month over the previous quarter.

Other benefits will also increase for the October to December 1992 period. The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$449.44 (from \$447.20) per month for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive the Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance. For each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance, the maximum will increase to \$292.75 (from \$291.29) per month.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA), paid to people between 60 and 64 with a limited income who are married to GIS recipients, will be \$670.94 (up from \$667.60) per month.

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will be \$740.71 (up from \$737.03) per month.

The Old Age Security Act provides for benefit increases every three months by a factor based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Statistics Canada cost-of-living measure.

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BACKGROUNDER

OLD AGE SECURITY BENEFITS

The federal government started to index OAS benefits on a quarterly basis in 1973 as a way of providing seniors with a quick response to increases in the rate of inflation. This is an effective way of maintaining the purchasing value of OAS benefits. It means that when the cost of living is lower, the OAS benefit increase will be lower. Conversely, when the cost of living is higher the OAS benefit increase is also higher.

The increase is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consumer Price Index Ratio} &= \frac{(\text{CPI figures for May 1992 to July 1992})/3}{(\text{CPI figures for February 1992 to April 1992})/3} \\ &= \frac{(127.8 + 128.1 + 128.4)/3}{(127.1 + 127.5 + 127.6)/3} = 1.005 \\ &= \$376.31 \text{ (previous quarter OAS pension)} \times 1.005 \\ &= \$378.19 \text{ (new OAS rate)} \end{aligned}$$

Recipients who have questions about their OAS benefits should contact the nearest Income Security Programs Branch office of Health and Welfare Canada.



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News Release

1992-79

October 6, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF ALMONDS IN BETTY CROCKER CHOCOLATE FUDGE SNACKIN' CAKE

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, based on information voluntarily provided by General Mills Canada Inc., is warning consumers **allergic to almonds** not to consume **Betty Crocker Chocolate Fudge Snackin' Cake** bearing the lot numbers B227A, B228B, B229A and C205A on the top of the packages.

These packages of cake mix of 400g may contain almonds which are not declared on the label. Approximately 20,000 packages of mix from the implicated lots have been distributed in Ontario and Quebec.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to almonds. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

General Mills Canada Inc. of Etobicoke, Ontario, is voluntarily withdrawing the affected lots from retail stores and is providing a telephone hot line (1-800-446-1899) for consumers who may have any questions regarding this matter. Consumers who wish to do so may return packages of the affected lots to the point of purchase.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

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1992-81

October 28, 1992

WARNINGS OF DRUG INTERACTIONS FOR ASTEMIZOLE (HISMANAL) ANNOUNCED

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) today announced additional warnings for the antihistamine drug astemizole (Hismanal). These warnings follow recent steps taken by HPB to ensure the continued safe use of over-the-counter antihistamines in Canada.

New reports of previously unknown adverse drug reactions indicate that astemizole can interact with the antibiotic erythromycin or the antifungal drug ketoconazole to produce potentially serious heart rhythm irregularities. As a result of this new information, all products containing astemizole will be required to carry specific warnings about these potential drug interactions. Existing supplies will be overlabelled to advise consumers of this new information. Current labelling warns users not to mix astemizole with other prescription medications without consulting a physician.

Although there have been no reports of problems in Canada with drug interactions and astemizole, similar drug interactions have been reported internationally with another commonly used, non-sedating antihistamine, terfenadine (Seldane).

In July 1992, all over-the-counter products containing astemizole and terfenadine were moved to the pharmacist-controlled area (behind-the-counter) of pharmacies so that pharmacists could provide consumers with up-to-date information on these drugs.

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At that time, concerns regarding astemizole focused on the potential for serious adverse reactions in individuals with heart or metabolic disease and in cases of overdose.

Pharmacists and physicians will now be provided with this latest information as part of an ongoing effort to keep consumers informed about the appropriate use of this anti-histamine.

Astemizole will continue to be available without a prescription in Canada, but in the pharmacist-controlled area.

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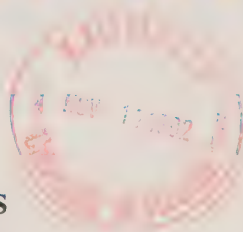


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1992-82
October 30, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF PEANUTS IN PATISSERIES AUDREY SPICES COOKIES

MONTREAL - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers **allergic to peanuts** not to consume Spices Cookies manufactured by Patisseries Audrey Inc. of St Romuald, Quebec.

These 100 g cookies, sold individually in transparent plastic wrap, may contain peanuts which are not declared on the label. Approximately 22,500 packages have been distributed throughout the province of Quebec and the Ottawa-Carleton region, exclusively through corner stores.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. To date, HPB has received one report of allergic reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Patisseries Audrey Inc. is voluntarily withdrawing all lots of this product from distribution. Consumers who wish to do so may return this product to the point of purchase.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1992-88
November 13, 1992

WARNING AGAINST CONSUMING DOLE BRAND COLE SLAW MIX

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, is warning consumers not to eat Dole Brand Cole Slaw Mix (shredded cabbage and carrots) packed in 454 g plastic bags and imported from the United States. This product is distributed in Québec, Ontario and Western Canada.

So far, three lots of this product, 128117, 130021A and 130021B, have been found by the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) to be contaminated with the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes* which can grow in the product even at refrigeration temperatures. Contamination was not detected in lots prior to these. Subsequent lots are currently undergoing testing.

In rare instances, this bacteria can cause a disease known as listeriosis. The symptoms of this illness vary depending on individual sensitivities. The groups most at risk include pregnant women, the elderly and those who have a weakened immune system. The symptoms may be limited to fever, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting but more serious complications may arise including abortion and death. Consumers concerned about their health after eating this product are advised to seek medical assistance.

To date, there have been no confirmed illnesses associated with the consumption of this product.



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As a precautionary measure, the U.S. manufacturer of this product, the Dole Fresh Vegetable Company, and Canadian distributors have initiated a voluntary recall of all lots of this product from Canadian retail stores. Consumers who wish to do so may return packages of this product to the point of purchase.

A similar press release is being issued in Québec by MAPAQ in cooperation with HPB.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1992-90
November 17, 1992

ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF HAZELNUTS IN PRESIDENT'S CHOICE MILK CHOCOLATE BARS

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers **allergic to hazelnuts** not to consume President's Choice Milk Chocolate Bars imported from France and distributed by Sunfresh Ltd. bearing the lot numbers 21611, 21612, 21613 and 21614.

These 500 g bars contain trace amounts of hazelnuts which are not declared on the label. Approximately 1,000 bars have been distributed in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to hazelnuts. To date, HPB has received one report of allergic reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Sunfresh Ltd., of Toronto, Ontario, is voluntarily withdrawing the affected lots of this product from distribution. Consumers who wish to do so may return this product to the point of purchase.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1993-07
March 10, 1993

BREAK-FREE ALL STARS - SMOKING AND ACTIVE LIVING DON'T MIX

TORONTO - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, Marvin Skripitsky, Vice-President of Parke-Davis, Division of Warner-Lambert Canada Inc. and Herb Pirk, Provincial Director, Canadian Parks/Recreation Association, today jointly announced *Break-Free All Stars*, a national program aimed at reducing tobacco use among youth. The announcement took place at the McCormick Community Recreation Centre in Toronto where recreation leaders and more than one hundred children were on hand to demonstrate the program activities.

The *Break-Free All Stars* program is the latest Health and Welfare smoking prevention initiative and is part of the National Strategy to Reduce Tobacco Use in Canada. It is aimed at children between the ages of eight and ten. These are important ages - the years just before experimentation with tobacco.

"Regardless of our age, we can all make decisions to improve our health," said Mr. Bouchard. "Young people can choose not to smoke. They can speak to friends who may be experimenting with cigarettes. Recreation leaders can promote the benefits of active living. We can all contribute to a healthy Canada."

The *Break-Free All Stars* program aims to promote non-smoking as a positive and desirable lifestyle behaviour among youth. It is important for children to know that smoking and active living don't mix. Research affirms that recreation leaders, as role models, have the ability to influence smoking decisions.

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"We must all do our part to actively initiate and support efforts to improve the health of society. *Break-Free All Stars*, a program designed to help prevent children from starting to smoke, will have an important effect on their health in future years", said Mr. Skripitsky.

"Recreation is a classroom for life and an excellent environment for children to learn Break-Free tips", added Mr. Pirk.

This unique initiative is the product of a partnership between Health and Welfare Canada, Canadian Parks/Recreation Association and Parke-Davis Canada. In addition, it is supported by Fitness Canada, Active Living Alliance for Children and Youth, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs and individual provincial and territorial health and recreation ministries.

The *Break-Free All Stars* program includes a resource kit for recreation leaders which contains easy-to-use games and activities and will fit into recreation activities wherever they take place - on the field, in the gym or at the pool.

The Canadian Parks/Recreation Association is coordinating the program. Information on how to obtain Break-Free All Stars kits is available by calling Rachel Hagen, Coordinator, Canadian Parks/Recreation Association (613) 748-5651.

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Fact Sheet / Info-Capsule

BREAK-FREE ALL STARS

- Break-Free All Stars is a smoking prevention program for children 8-10 years of age. The program is based on principles of active living and smoking prevention. The program targets children at an important age - the years just before they are likely to experiment with cigarettes.
- The implementation of Break-Free All Stars is undertaken by three partners - the Department of National Health and Welfare, Canadian Parks/Recreation Association and Parke-Davis, Division of Warner-Lambert Canada Inc. For its part, the Department of National Health and Welfare undertook the necessary research which led to the careful and detailed development of this unique program. Also, it undertook to have the program rigorously tested in communities across Canada. In the fall of 1992, the Department obtained the assistance of two partners - Canadian Parks/Recreation Association and Parke-Davis Canada. Canadian Parks/Recreation Association is the managing partner and is responsible for all the coordination and program management duties. Parke-Davis Canada is the corporate sponsor and provides funding to cover program management and Advisory Committee costs, program promotion and other support as necessary. The Department of National Health and Welfare continues its support as a member of the Break-Free All Stars Advisory Committee.
- This program is a model of governmental and non-governmental cooperation and collaboration. Provincial-territorial health ministry partners provide the funding for the program resource kits and the recreation ministry partners provide the distribution network. The program is also supported by Fitness Canada, Active Living Alliance for Children and Youth, YWCA, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

- Break-Free All Stars has three objectives:
 - * to position and promote non-smoking as a positive lifestyle behaviour among youth;
 - * to promote an awareness and understanding among role models (recreation leaders) of their ability to influence smoking decisions among youth; and
 - * to provide relevant information about the social acceptability and benefits of remaining active and smoke-free.
- The Break-Free All Stars program takes advantage of the considerable influence of community recreation leaders. Young people view their recreation leaders as experts on the subjects of health and fitness - a role that provides a natural opening to talk about and show the benefits of active living and remaining smoke-free.
- The Break-Free All Stars program was pilot tested in thirteen locations across Canada and the results were most encouraging. The program is effective particularly in recreation settings, and has a unique delivery mechanism enabling communities to play an active role in smoking prevention. This community level involvement is consistent with the comprehensive approach that recreation leaders aim to promote in their programming efforts.
- Break-Free All Stars will be implemented on a national basis in the summer of 1993.

News Release

1993-08
March 11, 1993

MINISTER ANNOUNCES RENEWAL OF THE NATIONAL AIDS STRATEGY

OTTAWA - New funding for Canada's national strategy to combat HIV/AIDS was announced today by Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

"Renewal of the National AIDS Strategy at a time of serious economic restraint demonstrates the federal government's commitment to meeting the challenges of HIV/AIDS," said Mr. Bouchard. "Maintaining a National AIDS Strategy with enhanced funding is a major achievement."

Funding for the National AIDS Strategy will total \$42.2 million annually or \$211 million over the next 5 years. This represents a significant increase over Phase I which was \$37.3 million annually. At a time when federal departments are being asked to reduce programs, this investment is indicative of the federal government's commitment to find a cure to this fully preventable, communicable disease which has reached epidemic proportions.

Through the Strategy much progress has been made in addressing the needs of persons living with AIDS, their families and caregivers. Phase II will build on the progress made to date.

The renewed Strategy sets out the federal government's action plan with identified goals, guiding principles and priorities for the next five years. The objectives are to stop the transmission of HIV; support the search for effective vaccines, drugs and therapies; and, provide care, treatment and support for people infected with HIV, their caregivers, families and friends.

"More needs to be done for persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in order to change public attitudes and behaviour towards HIV/AIDS," said the Minister.

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The annual resource allocation will be:

- ▶ \$ 6.2 million on education and prevention initiatives;
- ▶ \$ 17.8 million for research and epidemiological monitoring;
- ▶ \$ 9.8 million for community development and support to non-government organizations;
- ▶ \$ 5.4 million for care, treatment and support;
- ▶ \$ 1.5 million for coordination and collaboration.

"I have also asked my Deputy Minister to allocate an additional \$1.5 million annually from within my Department for AIDS related initiatives," said the Minister.

As well, the Medical Research Council (MRC) is committed to support AIDS research at \$2 million per year for the next 5 years. Since 1983, MRC has devoted more than \$13 million towards research and training directed at AIDS.

"The challenge of HIV/AIDS must be a concern for all Canadians; we are all living with AIDS," said Mr. Bouchard.

He also called upon all Canadians to work in partnership with governments, community groups, researchers, health and social service professionals, and the private sector.

"We need everyone's involvement," the Minister continued. "In particular, all partners should work with the private sector to mobilize assistance in order to help achieve our goal of a healthy Canada."

In Phase II of the National AIDS Strategy, the federal government will continue to work in partnership with the Canadian AIDS Society, Canadian Hemophilia Society, the Canadian Public Health Association and will seek to involve new partners.

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News Release

1993-09
March 12, 1993

OLD AGE SECURITY PENSIONS GOING UP IN APRIL

OTTAWA - The new rate for the federal Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 years old and over, will be \$381.60 per month from April to June 1993. This is an increase of \$2.65 per month over the previous quarter.

Other benefits will also increase for the April to June 1993 period. The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$453.49 (from \$450.34) per month for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive the Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance. For each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance, the maximum will increase to \$295.39 (from \$293.34) per month.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA), paid to people between 60 and 64 with a limited income who are married to GIS recipients, will be \$676.99 (up from \$672.29) per month.

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will be \$747.39 (up from \$742.20) per month.

Benefit amounts for GIS, SPA and WSPA vary according to the recipient's income during the previous year. Recipients of the GIS, SPA and WSPA must resubmit their applications each year. Applications must be returned by March 31 to avoid any interruption in benefits. If applications are received and approved after the end of March, retroactive payments to April 1 will be paid after processing.

The Old Age Security Act provides for benefit increases every three months by a factor based on increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

OLD AGE SECURITY (OAS) BENEFITS

The federal government started to index OAS benefits on a quarterly basis in 1973 as a way of providing seniors with a quick response to increases in the rate of inflation. The Consumer Price Index (CPI), Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure, is used to calculate the increases. This is an effective way of maintaining the purchasing power of OAS benefits. This means when the cost of living is increasing at a higher rate, the OAS benefit increase will also be higher. Conversely, when the cost of living increase is lower, the OAS benefit increase will also be lower.

The increase in OAS benefits for the April to June 1993 quarter is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OAS Indexation Factor} &= \frac{(\text{CPI figures for November 1992 to January 1993}) \div 3}{(\text{CPI figures for August 1992 to October 1992}) \div 3} \\ &= \frac{(129.1 + 129.1 + 129.6) \div 3}{(128.4 + 128.3 + 128.5) \div 3} = 1.007 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Basic OAS pension for} \\ \text{April to June 1993 quarter} &= \$378.95 \text{ (previous quarter OAS pension)} \times 1.007 = \$381.60 \end{aligned}$$

Recipients who have questions about their OAS benefits should contact the nearest Income Security Programs Branch office of Health and Welfare Canada.

News Release

1993-10
March 15, 1993

MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP FOR BREAST CANCER INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROJECTS APPOINTED

OTTAWA - The Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Quebec, today announced the membership of the Advisory Group for the Breast Cancer Information Exchange Pilot Projects.

On December 15, 1992, Minister Bouchard announced that the federal government would contribute \$25 million to fight breast cancer, including a contribution of \$2.7 million over 5 years for the development of Breast Cancer Information Exchange Pilot Projects in five regions across Canada.

"Breast cancer is one of the foremost issues of concern to Canadian women, and the federal government is committed to helping to eradicate this deadly disease," said Minister Bouchard. "The Advisory Group will play an important role in the partnership approach needed to realize a healthy Canada."

The Advisory Group will make recommendations from which the selection criteria for the Pilot Projects will be based and is comprised of representatives from across the country including women living with breast cancer, the health care community and cancer associations.

The Breast Cancer Information Exchange Pilot Projects will assist persons living with breast cancer, their families, care givers and those at risk of breast cancer in making informed decisions about a variety of concerns. The projects will also encourage partnerships among those involved in the collection and dissemination of breast cancer information and will develop the expertise needed to disseminate information on prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, all aspects of follow-up care, and on a range of social support services.

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The 11 member Advisory Group is composed of:

- Ms. Ninon Bourque, living with breast cancer, and volunteer counsellor to breast cancer survivors;
- Dr. Heather Bryant, member of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Breast Cancer Screening;
- Dr. Sharon Buehler, Canadian Cancer Society;
- Ms. Lorna J. Butler, Canadian Nurses Association;
- Ms. Carol Dale, living with breast cancer, and British Columbia Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation;
- Ms. Francis Hanna, living with breast cancer, and representative from the aboriginal community;
- Dr. Robert MacMillan, Ontario Ministry of Health;
- Dr. Reg Perkin, College of Family Physicians of Canada;
- Dr. Christiane Poulin, Canadian Public Health Association;
- Dr. Elizabeth Powell, Canadian Medical Association; and
- Mme Marie-Hélène Sarrazin, living with breast cancer, and representative of Fondation québécoise du cancer.

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News Release

1993-11
March 19, 1993

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE SMOKERS GET THE MESSAGE

OTTAWA - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Quebec, today announced he is proceeding with the amendment process to obtain stronger regulations requiring tobacco companies to put new and more visible warnings on cigarette packages.

"This measure is part of the federal government's continued effort to reduce tobacco use by ensuring tobacco users are more aware of the health risks associated with smoking," stated the Minister.

According to a Health and Welfare Canada study¹, over 70 per cent of respondents to a survey agreed that cigarette packages should have health warning messages. The proposed amendments to the Tobacco Products Control Regulations will increase to seven the number of health warning messages on packages containing cigarettes. The wording for the new series of warnings includes:

- Cigarettes are addictive.
- Tobacco smoke can harm your children.
- Smoking can kill you.
- Cigarettes cause cancer.
- Cigarettes cause strokes and heart disease.
- Smoking during pregnancy can harm your baby.
- Cigarettes cause fatal lung disease.

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¹ Tobacco Health Warning Messages, Inserts and Toxic Constituent Information Study, May 1992.



The proposed amendments will require that these messages be rotated over time such that all messages receive equal exposure on cigarette packages.

In addition, the new proposal will require the warnings to appear in such a way that smokers will find hard to miss. The messages will be printed alternately in black letters on a white background and in white letters on a black background.

"This action re-affirms the commitment of my Department to do everything we can to give smokers the information they need to become fully aware of the health risks associated with tobacco products," said the Minister.

This is the latest initiative in the federal government's commitment to reduce tobacco use in Canada.

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News Release

1993-12
March 24, 1993

ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF PEANUTS IN MUNCHY JR. CHOCOLATE BUNNIES

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, is warning consumers **allergic to peanuts** not to consume MUNCHY Jr. Solid Milk Chocolate with Rice Crisps manufactured by Allan Candy Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario.

These 100 g packages may contain chocolate easter bunnies with peanuts which were accidentally packed in boxes marked "MUNCHY Jr. Solid Milk Chocolate with Rice Crisps". All lots of this product, which can be identified from the UPC - Barcode 58400 33240 located on the back of the package, are affected. Approximately 220,000 packages of this product were distributed across Canada.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. To date, there has been no reports of adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

Allan Candy Ltd. is cooperating with the Health Protection Branch and is voluntarily withdrawing the affected product from retail stores. The firm is also providing a collect telephone line (416-529-7146, ext. 220 during normal business hours) for consumers who may have any questions regarding this matter.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

1993-13
March 27, 1993

MOST CANADIANS REPORT GOOD HEALTH, DESPITE INCREASED STRESS

VANCOUVER - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec, today released the results of Canada's Health Promotion Survey. The survey is a comprehensive study of how Canadians rate their own health and what factors affect their health.

The survey shows that the vast majority of Canadians (88 per cent) rate their overall health as good, very good, or excellent. Good to excellent health was identified as the norm by respondents in all age groups, including those aged 65 and over. Nearly ten million Canadians reported improvements in personal health practices such as stopping smoking or making informed nutrition choices. These generally positive findings were reported despite the fact that an increasing number of Canadians find their lives becoming more stressful.

"The survey results are very encouraging," said Mr. Bouchard, speaking at the Second National Conference on Health Promotion Research. "Canadians understand that health involves more than the formal health care system, and that we can take action, individually and collectively, to improve our health. This understanding is the foundation of a healthy Canada, in which Canadians are more actively involved in their own health and in that of their families and communities."

Declines were registered in the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Canadians 15 years of age and over. Although the percentage of Canadians who report having consumed an alcoholic drink within the past year is virtually unchanged from 1985 (81 per cent), current drinkers consumed an average 4.4 drinks a week in 1990, compared to 5.1 in 1985.



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Smoking rates in Canada are the lowest they have been in a quarter century - 29 per cent. The survey also noted that fewer Canadians are using illicit substances. For instance, there were 53,000 fewer marijuana users in 1990 (5.1 per cent) than in 1985 (5.6 per cent).

The survey also identifies what steps Canadians are taking to maintain and improve their health. For example, while few Canadians believe they are at high risk of contracting a sexually-transmitted disease (STD), nearly two million Canadians changed their sexual behaviour in the year prior to the survey because of what they had learned about STDs.

Canada's Health Promotion Survey is the first national survey to document the importance to health of factors outside the formal health care system such as the support of family and friends and reliance on personal, spiritual or community resources. In the 30 days prior to the survey, over six million Canadians (30 per cent) reported having helped to care for a relative or friend. Nearly one out of two (48 per cent) of the ten million Canadians who succeeded in making changes to improve their health reported that the support of family and friends was an important factor in being able to make such changes.

The survey was conducted by Statistics Canada in June 1990 on behalf of Health and Welfare Canada. Nearly 14,000 Canadians 15 years and older participated in the survey, with representative samples from each of the provinces.

Health and Welfare Canada has released "Canada's Health Promotion Survey (1990): Technical Report" and a series of highlight sheets. The Technical Report will soon be available on 3.5" diskette.

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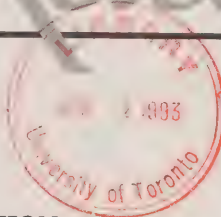
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News Release

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SIX NEW CENTRES FOR HEALTH PROMOTION: RESEARCH ESTABLISHED UNDER NATIONAL PROGRAM

VANCOUVER - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec, and Dr. Paule Leduc, President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), today announced the establishment of six new research centres under a \$3 million national program for health promotion in Canada.

Based at the universities of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Montreal, Dalhousie, McMaster and Lethbridge, the six centres represent working partnerships between community groups, academic researchers, health care providers and policy makers addressing ways in which the health of all Canadians can best be promoted.

Each centre has been awarded \$500,000 -- paid over five years -- to explore the range of individual and societal issues affecting people's health and to develop new and effective approaches to promote healthy living and working conditions.

The research agenda of each centre will be determined by people working at the community "grassroots" level in tandem with researchers and other specialists in the health field. A broad range of subjects will be examined, including how lifestyle and work decisions affect people's health, the impact of individual and social change on health, and community-based health promotion activities affecting families, children, women and the elderly.

"Federal funding for this initiative represents an investment in the people of Canada," said Mr. Bouchard in Vancouver at the *Second National Conference on Health Promotion Research*. "We must focus more of our efforts on the areas of health promotion and illness prevention in the management of our health care system. The establishment of these six research centres will contribute to our objective of an efficient health care system and a healthy Canada for all Canadians."

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Commenting on the importance of the six centres, Dr. Leduc said: "Influencing individual behaviour is an important aspect of health promotion. However, we also need to encourage a broader perspective, which takes into account active collaboration between researchers, practitioners and ordinary Canadians whose health is or may be affected by a range of social, psychological, cultural and economic factors. Each centre will perform innovative, ground-breaking work in that regard."

Health promotion implies a commitment to helping people cope with the day-to-day circumstances of their lives, extending the scope of disease prevention, and dealing with the challenges of reducing inequities. It means fostering public participation, strengthening community health services and coordinating public policy aimed at promoting people's health. It also means creating environments conducive to health, in which people are better able to take care of themselves and to offer one another support in solving and managing community health problems.

Fifty-one groups representing university/community partnerships from across Canada submitted applications to establish a centre under the joint SSHRC/Health and Welfare Canada program. The six winning proposals were chosen through a competitive, peer-review adjudication process. An independent selection committee of health researchers, policy makers and community workers evaluated the 51 proposals to determine their excellence with respect to the objectives and criteria of the Health Promotion Research Program. The six-person committee recommended which proposals to fund.

A brief description of each centre is provided in the attached Backgrounder.

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BACKGROUNDER

Health Promotion Research Centres

The British Columbia Consortium for Health Promotion Research builds on a history of collaboration between the universities of British Columbia (UBC), Victoria and Simon Fraser, the British Columbia Ministry of Health, and the communities they serve. The Consortium's mission is to foster and facilitate collaboration on innovative, multidisciplinary and action-oriented approaches to community-based health promotion research which merge the expertise of community residents, health-care professionals, researchers and policy makers.

The Centre's organizing theme is "Facilitating Healthful Change: Testing Models for Community Empowerment." The research program seeks to understand the ways in which community members can interact with institutions such as schools, worksites and families, in preventing or buffering change where it may be harmful to health, and enhancing change where it can be conducive to health. The research will develop new tools to assist communities in assessing needs, setting priorities, developing health promotion policies, and evaluating promotional activities and outcomes. The three collaborating universities have particular strengths in research on children, youth, families, and the elderly, and will concentrate their research on specific disadvantaged groups within those populations, such as Aboriginal and inner city communities.

The Atlantic Health Promotion Centre for Productive Living, housed at Dalhousie University in Halifax, will support a network of community groups, provider organizations, businesses, government agencies and university researchers throughout Atlantic Canada as it investigates the processes of self-help, coping, mutual aid and community participation which promote health and productive living. The Centre will serve as an umbrella under which research and other health promotion activities can be coordinated. It will provide a clearinghouse for information concerning research directions and resources, and will promote interdisciplinary ventures when identifying areas for potential research.

Research and other activities of the Centre will be directed toward the empowerment of communities, enabling both consumers and providers of health care services to work as equals. Public involvement in the Centre will be encouraged through participatory research and a strong community voice on the Centre's Advisory Committee. The Atlantic region is made up of many communities. Fostering effective partnerships among them will allow the Centre to be a truly regional resource operating from a base of cooperative arrangements. Building upon existing community-based initiatives, the Centre will seek the long-term commitments of governments and industry to health promotion programs and research in Atlantic Canada.

The **Prairie Region Health Promotion Research Centre**, based at the University of Saskatchewan, is an inter-provincial network of community-based organizations, health-care practitioners and policy makers, and researchers at five prairie universities (Regina, Winnipeg, Brandon, Manitoba and Saskatchewan). Consistent with the prairie history of developing progressive health systems and cooperative relationships, the Centre will be based on partnerships and collaboration. Accordingly, the Centre will emphasize strengthening the network and involving all its partners in the strategic planning of the Centre's research and development activities. The prairie region provides a unique opportunity for the Centre to address health promotion issues related to aboriginal communities, rapidly changing rural communities, and urbanization.

Specific research activities will relate to themes including: the meaning of health in particular prairie communities; the determinants of individual and community health and the mechanisms through which social structure affects health; the factors facilitating effective health promotion action within communities; factors influencing the ability of communities to create supportive social and physical environments; and the formulation of public policy to support the development and sustenance of health-promoting organizations and communities.

The **University of Lethbridge Regional Centre for Health Promotion and Community Studies** is a community-oriented enterprise involving researchers, community workers, practitioners and others addressing health care issues in the southern Alberta region. The Centre is organized around the principle that community-based individuals and organizations, be they urban, rural, or native, must not only be involved in self-help and mutual aid, identifying health issues, planning and implementing steps for change in health policy, but also in guiding and facilitating research and assessing its implications. This kind of multi-level participation among stakeholders in research, say the Centre's organizers, "fosters a greater sense of 'ownership' of the health care system by individuals in the community, more responsibility and control over people's health, a better understanding of the health care system, and more broadly based interest in ensuring the success of initiatives to promote health and healthier lifestyles."

Focusing on the challenges to health and health promotion facing urban, rural and native communities in southern Alberta, the Centre will concentrate its research activities in three areas: Health challenges associated with rural depopulation and economic change in farming communities; the challenge of responding to cultural diversity in community health promotion; challenges associated with the marginalization of certain kinds of people, social groups or populations when it comes to access and provision of health care services.

The McMaster Research Centre for the Promotion of Women's Health in Hamilton will focus on the impact of different types of paid and unpaid work on women's health, including volunteering, caregiving, and homemaking. Women are the main health care providers. They comprise the majority of workers in the health-care system and are almost wholly responsible for care within the family and community. They make the greatest use of and contribution to health services. Working with women and women's groups in the Hamilton region, the Centre's researchers will seek to identify the work-related health-care problems of women, as well as to develop and implement new strategies for promoting women's health.

The Centre's program of research includes investigation of the relationship between women's working conditions and long-term physical and mental well-being. The research program, say the Centre's organizers, is designed on the principles of "action research," which is a participatory, collaborative and co-learning process that avoids traditional scientific neutrality, objectification of subjects and rigidly controlled research design. The long-term scope of the McMaster Research Centre embraces all aspects of women's health promotion and is based on the premise that women should be the ones defining their own health care needs and the strategies to meet these needs effectively.

The Montreal Health Promotion Research Centre is a partnership between the Montreal General Hospital's Department of Community Health and the University of Montreal's Groupe de recherche interdisciplinaire en santé. Associated partners include researchers from two other universities in Montreal (McGill and UQAM), and practioners from several hospitals in the region, including Sacré-Coeur, Cité de la Santé, Montreal Children's, Verdun and Outaouais. Organizers of the Montreal Centre are also recruiting participants from other Quebec universities and research organizations, as well as participants from the public and private sectors, including public health institutions, schools, pharmaceutical companies, publishers, business and union representatives.

In order to develop and establish effective approaches to health promotion in the community, the Centre will investigate the processes of individual, community and environmental change affecting health promotion. The Centre's organizers will also work on creating links between researchers and groups whose traditional areas of concern tend not to cover health promotion issues but whose work can have application in this area. In that way, the Centre hopes to involve more community members and organizations in promoting the health and well-being of people from all walks of life. The Centre's objective is to develop multidisciplinary, community-based, participatory research in the field of health promotion.

News Release

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\$170 MILLION COMMITTED TO "AGING TOGETHER", THE RENEWED NATIONAL SENIORS STRATEGY

OTTAWA - The Minister of State for Seniors, the Honourable Monique Vézina, today announced that the federal government will provide \$170 million over the next five years to continue the Seniors Strategy. Combined with funds already allocated to New Horizons and the National Advisory Council on Aging, a total of \$234 million will now be available through this strategy to enhance the independence and the quality of life for seniors.

"Seniors are of growing importance to our society," said Madame Vézina. "This strategy is intended, not only to recognize the role of seniors, but also to remove barriers that prevent them from remaining active and independent members of our society."

Highlights of the renewed strategy include \$149 million in community funding for the following initiatives:

- **New Horizons Program** to provide community-based services to the more isolated, at-risk seniors;
- **Seniors Independence Program** to support the development of innovative models of community service, program delivery, seniors leadership and skill-building programs and training of professionals; and
- the newly created **Ventures in Independence** element which will link seniors in new partnerships with business, labour and other levels of government through joint ventures to address aging-related issues.

The seniors population is the fastest growing segment of the Canadian population. By the year 2000, it is estimated that 4 million Canadians will be over 65 years of age.

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In recognition of these changes, the Seniors Strategy will also develop a comprehensive agenda for action on issues of importance to seniors and an aging society in the 1990s and beyond.

"We must not only address the issues facing seniors today, but also prepare for the challenges and opportunities which will be faced by tomorrow's seniors," continued Madame Vézina. "That is why I am pleased to announce that under "Aging Together" we will develop a plan to deal with these issues as part of a new Federal Policy on Aging."

Also included in the strategy renewal is funding for the **National Advisory Council on Aging**, the **Seniors Independence Research Program**, the **Seniors Secretariat** and for policy support to the Minister of State for Seniors.

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ALLERGY ALERT - UNDECLARED NUTS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS IN "PIED-MONT" TAFFY AND SUGAR CONES

MONTREAL - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning people **allergic to hazelnuts, almonds, coconut or dairy products** not to consume Pied-Mont Brand Composed Taffy and Sugar Cones. This product, which is sold in 283g packages containing 15 cones, has been distributed only in the province of Quebec and is identified as being manufactured by "Conserves des Laurentides Ltée" of Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Quebec.

The product contains **hazelnuts, almonds, coconut oil and dairy products** which are not declared on the label.

HPB has received one report of allergic reaction related to the consumption of these taffy and sugar cones. The product is considered a health risk **only** for those individuals who have an allergy to hazelnuts, almonds, coconut or dairy products.

The manufacturer of the product, Pied-Mont/Dora Inc. (Conserves des Laurentides Ltée) has voluntarily initiated a recall of this product from retail stores. HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

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ALLERGY ALERT - PRESENCE OF PEANUT BUTTER IN HOFFMAN'S CLUB SANDWICH ENERGY BAR

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada, is warning consumers **allergic to peanuts** not to consume Hoffman's Club Sandwich Energy Bar[®] imported from the United States by York Canada Barbell of Brantford, Ontario.

These 2 oz. bars, which are distributed in boxes of 8 bars, may be sold individually. Each bar is packaged in a clear unlabelled cellophane wrapper. The product label appears only on the box but it does not indicate that the product contains peanut butter.

This product is considered a health risk **ONLY** for those individuals who have an allergy to peanuts. To date, there has been no report of an adverse reaction associated with the consumption of this product.

The Canadian importer is voluntarily recalling approximately 7,000 bars from retail stores across Canada. All lots of this product are affected by this recall.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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News Release

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YOUTH FORUM ON NATIVE SUICIDE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

OTTAWA - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Quebec, announced today that the federal government will provide \$400,000 to the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) to hold a youth forum on the high suicide rate among native youth in northern Ontario.

"I am deeply disturbed by the tragic loss of young lives through suicide. It is my hope that this forum will provide information enabling First Nations both in northern Ontario and across the country to reverse this trend," said Minister Bouchard. "Our support for this forum is an investment in the future of these native youth."

The Youth Forum on Native Suicide in northern Ontario will take place over 18 months and will involve each of the 40 Indian communities of NAN. The objectives, as outlined by Deputy Grand Chief James Morris, are to:

- listen to the concerns of NAN youth;
- create a forum for NAN youth to communicate their concerns in a trusting and supportive environment;
- document discussions and prepare a report which will identify needs, concerns and demands; and
- provide a safe environment for people to disclose in privacy and confidence.

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QUIT 4 LIFE - NEW AND UNIQUE STOP SMOKING PROGRAM FOR TEENS

MONTREAL - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Quebec, Leon Jacobs, President and C.E.O. of Ciba-Geigy Canada Ltd., and John Price, President of the Lung Association's National Office, today launched the release of **Quit 4 Life**, a new and unique stop smoking program for teenagers.

In unveiling the program, Mr. Bouchard said, "**Quit 4 Life** will help teenagers who want to quit smoking. Along with other recently announced federal initiatives on the legislative and prevention fronts, this program demonstrates the federal government's commitment to reduce tobacco use and to help build a healthy Canada for all Canadians. We are investing in the health and future of our young people."

Quit 4 Life is a self-help quit smoking program designed specifically for teenagers. It provides tips and techniques on quitting for smokers who are already motivated to quit. To appeal to the lifestyle and language of teenagers, the materials are packaged in a compact disc case. The content is designed to be positive, supportive and realistic, and does not minimize the difficulties of quitting. Teenagers were consulted at all stages of the development of the program and their input significantly shaped the final product.

"We are concerned about the number of young people who are starting to smoke at a younger age," said Mr. Price of the Lung Association. "By the time they reach their mid-teens, many of them have become addicted smokers, faced with the same difficulties of quitting as adult smokers. We need programs and resources which will meet their needs."

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Mr. Jacobs of Ciba Geigy Canada Ltd. said, "Ciba Geigy Canada Ltd. is committed to helping improve the health of Canadians. Since social responsibility is a key component of our corporate vision, we are proud to be a major sponsor of an important program in smoking cessation for teenagers who are motivated to quit."

The **Quit 4 Life** kit was launched at events in Montreal and Toronto which were attended by students, teachers, physicians and other health professionals. The availability of the kit will be promoted through the media, in schools, physicians' offices and pharmacies, and by Lung Associations and other health professionals across the country.

To obtain a kit, teen smokers who want to quit should call 1-800-363-3537. Kits will be sent to them free of charge.

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QUIT 4 LIFE (Q4L)

A Quit Smoking Program for Teens

Quit 4 Life (Q4L) is a package of information designed to help teenage smokers quit smoking. It provides tips and techniques for smokers who are already motivated to quit.

The package guides the smoker through the stages of quitting: getting ready mentally; preparing for the quit day; quitting; and staying smoke free. It provides information about how much money will be saved, and how to deal with problems and withdrawal symptoms which are likely to arise. The smokers are also encouraged to find someone to help them through the quitting process. The package includes information designed to help the support person be more aware of and be more sensitive to the difficulties of quitting an addiction.

The content is designed to be positive, supportive and realistic, and does not minimize the difficulties of quitting.

Teenage smokers have been consulted at all stages of the development of the program and their input has significantly shaped the final product. Teen smokers who participated in the pilot test reported changes with respect to their understanding of the health risks and the addictive nature of smoking. Three-quarters of them found the kit helpful to them in their attempts to quit. They found the materials easy to understand, attractive and appealing.

Health and Welfare Canada developed this resource in consultation with a group of health professionals who have experience in the development and delivery of quit smoking programs. These include representatives from: The Lung Association, the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Centre Vivre Mieux Sans Fumer in Montreal, and DSC Hôpital Général de Montréal.

Ciba-Geigy and The Lung Association are partners in the promotion and delivery of the program to teens. Ciba-Geigy is also a major financial sponsor.

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News Release

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MINISTER RELEASES AIDS FUNDING DETAILS

OTTAWA - Financial details of Phase II of the National AIDS Strategy were released today by Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec.

On March 11, 1993 the Minister announced that funding for the National AIDS Strategy would total \$42.2 million annually or \$211 million over the next five years. The annual resource allocation announced was:

- ◆ \$9.8 million for *community development and support to national non-government organizations*;
- ◆ \$6.2 million on *education and prevention initiatives*;
- ◆ \$17.8 million for *research and epidemiological monitoring*;
- ◆ \$5.4 million for *care, treatment and support*; and
- ◆ \$1.5 million for *coordination and collaboration*.



There was a further commitment of up to \$1.5 million annually over five years to allow the department to meet short term priorities to be determined by the Minister.

Some of the major initiatives include:

Community development and support to national non-government organizations

The AIDS Community Action Program (ACAP) will receive \$7.5 million annually for community-based AIDS initiatives. The Minister has also approved revised guidelines for ACAP that not only reflect the current objectives of the National AIDS Strategy, but also include input from community consultations held in the fall of 1992. The remaining funds will be used to support the on-going work of our national partners.

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Education and prevention initiatives

Over the next five years, \$3.9 million will be provided to support the work of the National AIDS Clearinghouse. In partnership with the Canadian Public Health Association, the Clearinghouse will be the focal point for education and prevention resources in Canada.

Research and epidemiological monitoring

The National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP) will allocate an average of \$5.5 million annually for extramural AIDS-related health science research. An average annual amount of \$1.5 million will be used by National Welfare Grants for research and development activities in the area of social and economic support issues for people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, \$15 million has been allocated over five years for the work of the Canadian HIV Trials Network. The Health Protection Branch will also continue to monitor the HIV/AIDS epidemic through the National AIDS Case Surveillance Program, and to support national laboratory reference services and clinical research into new treatment.

Care, treatment and support

\$10 million over five years will be used to finalize an implementation plan and to support the operation of the National AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS). ATIS will provide reliable, up-to-date treatment information to persons living with HIV disease and their caregivers in all regions of Canada. The remaining funds will be directed at initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life of persons infected with HIV/AIDS and support to their caregivers.

Aboriginal HIV/AIDS initiatives

Funding has been increased. In addition to the regular funding programs which will be accessible to Aboriginal people who live off-reserve, an annual average of \$2.4 million will be administered by Medical Services Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, specifically to meet the needs of the Aboriginals who live on reserves.

Coordination and collaboration

An annual allocation of \$1.5 million will support activities such as the National Advisory Committee on AIDS (NAC-AIDS); the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Committee on AIDS; inter-and intradepartmental and international coordination activities.

Minister Bouchard also released a public document entitled *Phase II National AIDS Strategy: Building on Progress* which describes specific program initiatives.

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Copies of *Phase II National AIDS Strategy: Building on Progress* are available from the National AIDS Clearinghouse at (613) 725-3769.

News Release

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES \$500,000 FOR CONTINUING OFFENSIVE AGAINST NATIVE TUBERCULOSIS

OTTAWA - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec, today announced \$500,000 in funding toward continuing the offensive against tuberculosis among aboriginal people in Canada.

"This funding will help respond to the recent tuberculosis outbreaks in several aboriginal communities across the country. Our efforts must continue to be directed towards the elimination of tuberculosis in aboriginal communities and throughout Canada," said Minister Bouchard.

The bulk of the funding has gone towards enhanced activities such as case detection and treatment to support communities where TB has been identified.

In addition, a study will be conducted into tubercular conversion rates in health care workers, including Correctional Services officers.

Funding will also be provided to the Canadian Thoracic Society for the establishment of a national speaker's bureau which will permit information on tuberculosis to be directed to both professional and public groups throughout Canada.

In 1990, according to Statistics Canada, 375 cases were reported in aboriginal people: 292 in status Indians, 75 in non-status Indians and Metis and eight in Inuit.

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TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease due to an organism called the **Mycobacterium tuberculosis**. When someone with infectious TB coughs, organisms are released into the air. TB spreads when someone inhales the airborne TB organisms. Prolonged exposure to infected individuals is usually required to develop TB.

Since 1980, there has been a 30 per cent decrease in the number of TB cases reported in Canada. About 2,000 cases of TB have been reported every year from 1985 until 1990. 1,996 cases were reported in 1990 compared to 2,035 in 1989.

However, TB is again emerging as a major public health hazard worldwide. In Canada, TB is of particular concern among aboriginal peoples. About 20 per cent of new cases of TB in 1990 were attributed to aboriginal peoples.

According to preliminary data from Health and Welfare Canada (Medical Services Branch), significant new TB outbreaks have occurred this year in First Nations in Québec (17 cases), Ontario (23 cases), Manitoba (29 cases), Saskatchewan (79 cases), Alberta (45 cases), and British Columbia (54 cases). Atlantic Canada and Yukon each reported 3 cases.

Over the last three years, Medical Services Branch (MSB) has taken a leadership role in bringing together provincial, federal and First Nations health specialists to work towards developing a strategy for the elimination of TB in First Nations. This is a comprehensive strategy including prevention, screening, treatment, and follow up. This involves compliance procedures as well, i.e., "Direct Observed Therapy" of treatment. While the drugs are effective, a major difficulty in TB treatment is compliance. The course of medication is long term - 6 months to one-year - for TB. The patient must take the full course of medication if necessary - under observation - to ensure a drug-resistant strain of TB does not develop and that the condition is cured.

A meeting of federal, provincial and First Nations experts was held in December 1992, with the addition of key professional groups, e.g. Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), to discuss implementation of the strategy. The National Aboriginal Strategy document is under review for Canada wide use in liaison with the Canadian Lung Association and the Canadian Thoracic Society.

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News Release

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WARNING AGAINST CONSUMPTION OF SOYALAC INFANT FORMULA POWDER

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health and Welfare Canada is warning consumers not to use **Soyalac**, Soy Infant Formula Powder in 400 g cans, bearing lot number NO 94 / W5310 / 923081 embossed on the bottom of the can.

This lot has been found to be contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria which can cause severe illness in infants using this formula.

The product is manufactured by Nutricia Inc, California, USA. The Canadian Distributor is cooperating with HPB and has voluntarily initiated a recall of this lot of product from the market place. Other lots of product are not affected by this recall. This product has been distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario.

The Health Protection Branch advises the public to examine their supplies of Infant Formula and to stop further use of the above noted lot number of **Soyalac** Infant Formula powder. Any unopened cans may be returned to the point of purchase.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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NATIONAL WARNING AGAINST CONSUMPTION OF SOYALAC INFANT FORMULA POWDER

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This lot has been found to be contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria which can cause severe illness in infants using this formula.

The product is manufactured by Nutricia Inc, California, USA. The Canadian distributor is cooperating with HPB and has voluntarily initiated a recall of this lot of product from the market place. Other lots of product are not affected by this recall. A press release warning consumers was issued on May 20 in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario only; however, new information indicates that this product was distributed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A small quantity of product may also have been distributed in Quebec and in the Atlantic Provinces.

The Health Protection Branch advises the public to examine their supplies of Infant Formula and to stop further use of the above noted lot number of **Soyalac** Infant Formula powder. Any unopened cans may be returned to the point of purchase.

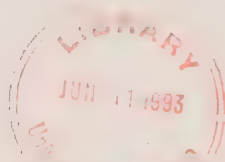
HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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OVER \$2.6 MILLION FOR NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

OTTAWA - Grants totalling over \$2.6 million for 46 national voluntary health organizations were announced today by Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec. These awards are made under the Grants to National Voluntary Health Organizations program of the Department.

"Over the years, national voluntary health organizations and Health and Welfare Canada have worked together to build a healthy Canada," said Mr. Bouchard. "The Department is proud of its partnership with organizations committed to assisting Canadians who, because of illness or disease, are living with various degrees of disability."

Grant awards for the 1993-94 fiscal year range from \$10,000 to \$179,000. These grants are intended to strengthen the national infra-structures of voluntary health organizations, and to assist with national activities in the areas of strategic and program planning; expansion of local and regional affiliated groups; volunteer training, public education; and financial development.

Resources were also budgeted for special development activities aimed at assisting selected organizations to work toward self reliance and long term viability.

Mr. Bouchard praised the work of organizations who, through a dedicated corps of volunteers, provide emotional, educational and material support to patients and their families as they attempt to cope with the day-to-day realities of life with a debilitating disease or condition. In addition, most organizations also raise significant sums of money for research projects and for public information campaigns.



To be eligible for a grant, an organization must have active representation on its governing board from all regions of the country and must provide direct programs or services through local affiliated groups in all regions.

Equally important is their ability to coordinate the recruitment and training of volunteer leaders in local communities across the country. Organizations must also be federally incorporated, registered as charitable, not-for-profit organizations with Revenue Canada, and function with a strong and expanding volunteer component at the program and direct service level.

A list of approved grants is attached.

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**SUSTAINING GRANTS TO NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
1993-94 GRANTS**

ORGANIZATION	1993-94 APPROVED GRANT
Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada	\$ 35,000
Allergy/Asthma Information Association	\$ 74,500
Alzheimer Society of Canada	\$ 115,000
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of Canada	\$ 50,000
The Arthritis Society	\$ 45,000
Association Canadienne de l'Ataxie de Friedreich	\$ 25,000
Canada Safety Council	\$ 30,000
Canadian Association of Health-Care Auxiliaries	\$ 10,000
The Canadian Celiac Association	\$ 50,000
Canadian Council on Multicultural Health	\$ 44,000
Canadian Council on Smoking and Health	\$ 110,000
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	\$ 50,000
Canadian Diabetes Association	\$ 45,000
Canadian Down Syndrome Society	\$ 30,000
Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis	\$ 70,000
Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths	\$ 50,000
Canadian Hemophilia Society	\$ 108,000
Canadian Liver Foundation	\$ 50,000

ORGANIZATION	1993-94 APPROVED GRANT
Canadian Long Term Care Association	\$ 30,000
Canadian Lung Association	\$ 45,000
Canadian Marfan Association	\$ 35,000
Canadian Mental Health Association	\$ 179,000
Canadian Palliative Care Association	\$ 60,000
Canadian Psoriasis Foundation	\$ 45,000
Canadian Public Health Association	\$ 50,000
The Canadian Red Cross Society	\$ 45,000
D.E.S. Action Canada	\$ 60,000
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada	\$ 45,000
Huntington Society of Canada	\$ 100,000
Kidney Foundation of Canada	\$ 45,000
La Leche League Canada	\$ 50,000
Lupus Canada	\$ 25,000
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	\$ 45,000
Muscular Dystrophy Association Canada	\$ 45,000
Osteoporosis Society of Canada	\$ 63,000
The Parkinson Foundation of Canada	\$ 60,000
Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada	\$ 146,000
Schizophrenia Society of Canada	\$ 85,000
Serena Canada	\$ 88,000

ORGANIZATION**1993-94 APPROVED GRANT**

Sleep/Wake Disorders Canada	\$ 45,000
Spina Bifida Association of Canada	\$ 55,000
St. John Ambulance of Canada	\$ 45,000
Thyroid Foundation of Canada	\$ 50,000
Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada	\$ 35,000
Turner's Syndrome Society of Canada	\$ 30,000
Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada	\$ 45,000

News Release

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

OTTAWA - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec announced today that the federal government will participate in the IX International Conference on AIDS and the IV STD World Congress to be held in Berlin from June 7 to 11, 1993.

"Participation in this conference demonstrates again Canada's support for efforts to promote awareness of the global HIV/AIDS situation as well as Canada's interest in closer international collaboration and coordination," said Mr. Bouchard. "This is an excellent opportunity for Canadians to exchange experiences and new ideas with their colleagues around the world."

This internationally-recognized conference will bring together about 10,000 delegates world wide, including scientists; community, governmental and non-governmental organizations; providers of care and support; and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Partners with Health and Welfare Canada include the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Canadian Hemophilia Society, Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, the Canadian Association for HIV Research, the International Development Research Centre and the Canadian AIDS Society.

Conference topics will cover basic science, clinical science epidemiology, care, treatment and support, prevention, psychological and social impact of HIV/AIDS and social response. Canadian officials will present findings and participate in presentations on a variety of subjects.

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Health and Welfare Canada, together with its key partners on HIV/AIDS, will also sponsor an exhibit under the theme "*Canada ... Together Against AIDS.*" The purpose of the exhibit is to feature the work of the Canadian partners on HIV/AIDS. The exhibit also provides an excellent opportunity to promote international awareness of Minister Bouchard's March 1993 announcement of Phase II of the National AIDS Strategy which provides \$211 million over five years.

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NEW CHAIR APPOINTED TO THE CANADIAN CENTRE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

OTTAWA - Benoît Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Minister Responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development - Québec, announced today the appointment of Mr. William (Bill) G. Deeks as Chairperson of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA).

The CCSA was established by an Act of Parliament on August 31, 1988. Its goal is to promote increased awareness among Canadians of alcohol and other drug issues, and to facilitate their participation in reducing the harm associated with substance abuse.

Mr. Deeks is the second chairman of the Board, replacing Mr. David Archibald in that position. Bill Deeks was most recently Senior Vice President, Global Issues, for Noranda Inc.. He is currently chairperson of the Business Industry Advisory Committee to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and is the Global Business Advisor to Noranda Inc.. Recently, Mr. Deeks has chaired the Alliance for a Drug Free Canada, a business organization focused on substance abuse in the workplace.

A university degree in chemical engineering and business administration experience provide Mr. Deeks with leadership, knowledge and awareness of the global business community and the issues, like substance abuse, which business leaders face today. He is sensitive to problems in economic performance, environmental management and human resource education, among many others for which he has found business solutions.

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"The continued effort of Canadians to prevent the societal harm caused by substance abuse depends upon forging many new partnerships under Canada's Drug Strategy," Mr. Bouchard said. "This includes a vital commitment from the business community. The federal government looks forward to Mr. Deeks' advice and expertise at drawing our partners together in his new position as chair of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse."

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RECALL OF ALL LOTS OF SOYALAC INFANT FORMULA POWDER

OTTAWA - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of the Department of Health is warning consumers not to use any lots of *Soyalac*, *Soy Infant Formula Powder* in 400 g cans.

This advisory extends a May 21 warning concerning a specific lot of *Soyalac* found to be contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria. Following an investigation of the U.S. processing plant, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has advised that any lot of this product, manufactured by Nutricia Inc. of California, may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Consumption of this product, if contaminated, could result in severe illness in infants.

Nutricia Inc. has voluntarily initiated a recall of the product from the Canadian market place. This product is distributed across Canada.

Consumers are advised to examine their supplies of infant formula and to stop further use of *Soyalac*, *Soy Infant Formula Powder*. Any unopened cans may be returned to the point of purchase.

HPB is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

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